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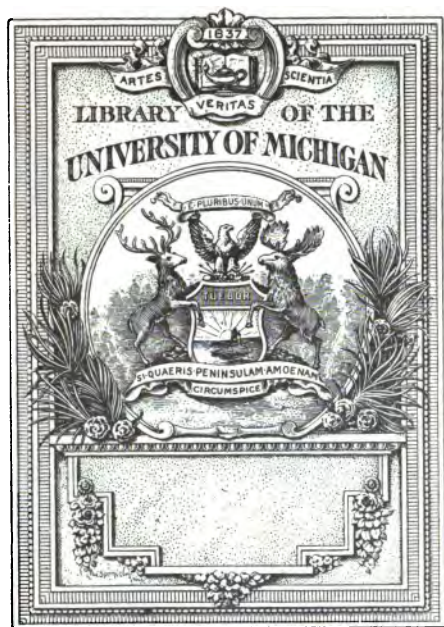
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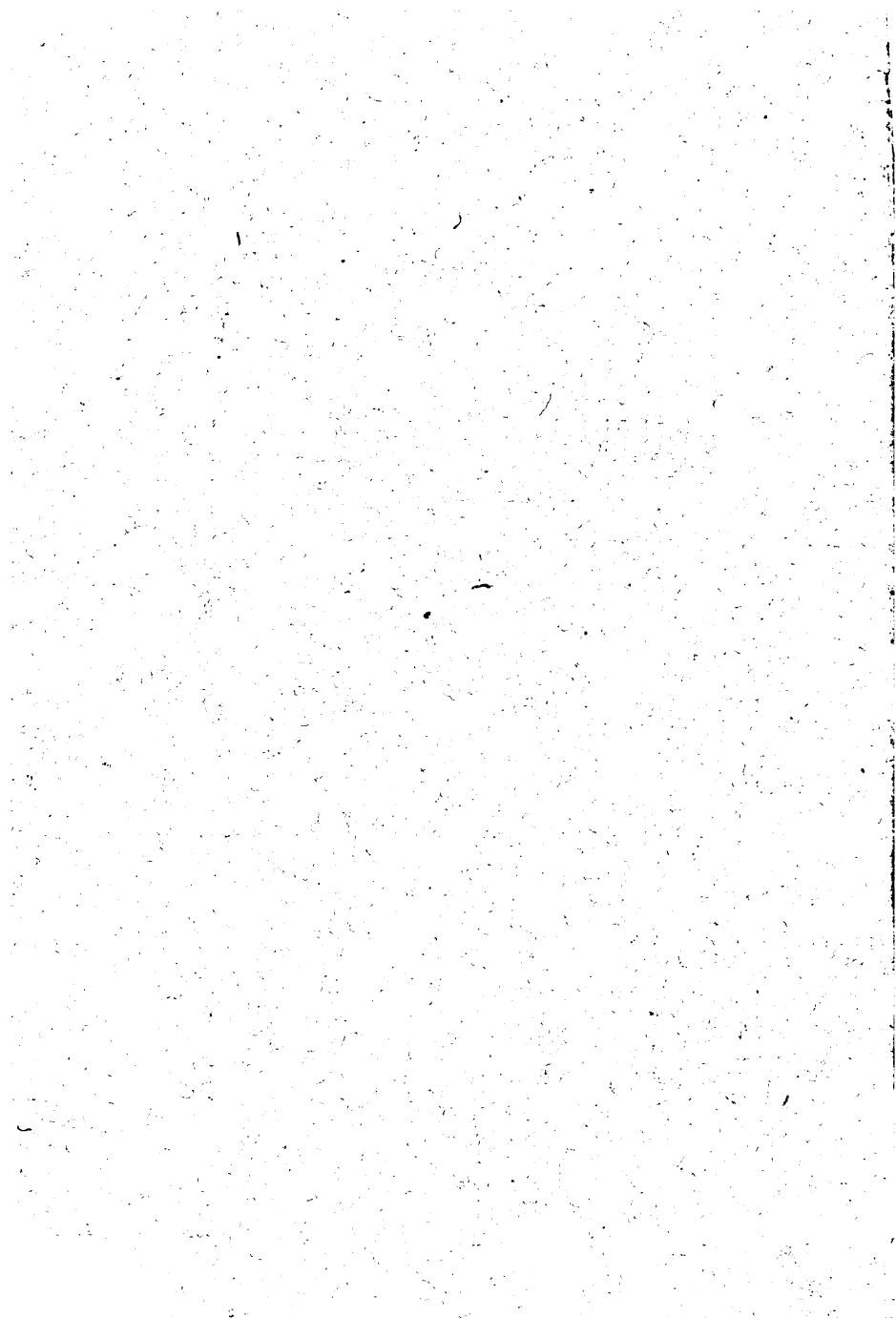
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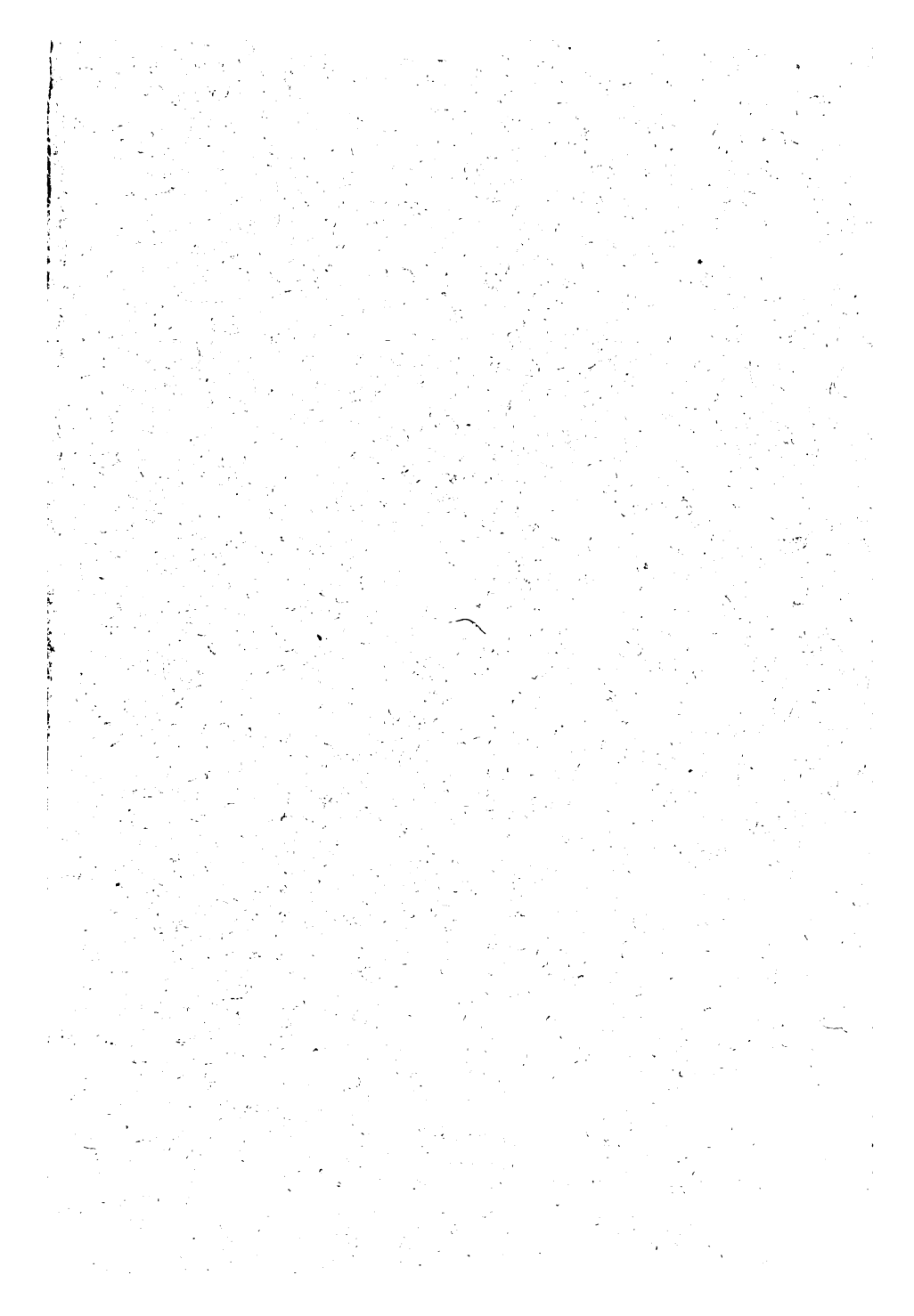
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1870 1879**

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FARMER'S ALLMINAX**



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## SIGNS OV THE ZODIAK.

The undersigned iz an Amerikan brave, in hiz grate tragick akt ov being attaked bi the twelve constellashuns.—(May the best man win.)



### KEY TEW THE ABUV PERFORMANCE.

Tew kno exackly whare the sighn iz, multiply the day ov the month bi the sighn, then find a dividend that will go into a divider four times without enny remains, subtrakt this from the sighn, add the fust quoshunt tew the last divider, then multiply the whole ov the man's boddy bi all the sighns, and the result will be jist what yu are looking after.

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### **BILLINGS FAMILY TIME TABLE.**

Amazi begot Hezaki, Hezaki begot Eldad, Eldad begot Behomath, Behomath begot Zepheniah (*Zepheniah was a conumdrum maker, sum ov which hav been handed down*), Zepheniah begot Ezekiel, Ezekiel begot Issacher (*Issaker was a bad speller, which has bin handed down too*), Issaker begot Nehemiah, Nehemiah begot Methuseler, Methuseler begot Nabob (*Nabob was a snob*), Nabob begot Jerryemiah, and Jerryemiah begot Absolum Billings (*who is admitted bi every baddy who remembers him tew be the most humblyest looking man in the 9th Century*). Absolum begot Josh, and so they kept bizzy begotting.

After the Billings family once struck the front name, *Josh*, they clung tew it. I find over 6 hundred ov that name extant, besides a grate menny who haz bekum extanted.

The Billings hav bin a helthy old breed az fur back az i have dug for them, which they owe principally tew a milk diet. It iz sed that Behomath Billings, one ov our pristines, could drean a cow perfektly dry at one sitting. If this iz so, it helps explain the great amount ov milk in the Billings natur.

I dont find enny old bachelors, nor old maids, among our ansesstors, inkrease and multiply haz alwus bin the battle cry of the Billings.

## OPINIONS OF THE PRESS

AFTER SEEING THE ADVANCE SHEETS OF

# Josh Billings' Farmers' Allminax

FOR THE YEAR 1870.

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"We seldum notis the current Amerikan literature ov the day, but the Billings Allminax, soon tew be issued by Carleton, is a work for the mothers of the Amerikan Union."—*London Times*, June 6th, 1869.

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"Josh Billings' Farmers' Allminax iz as phull ov gems as a diamond neklace, az phull of knowledge az Webster's Spellin Book, and az phull of cooking and cures az a parson's wife."—*London Athenaeum*, May 31st, 1869.

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"The virtewous thoughts in Josh's Allminax iz gin cocktails for the idle, and brandy straights for the viscious."—*Atlantik Semi-Monthly*, May 3d, 1869.

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"The Billings' Allminax will prove a rare acqulition tew Amerikan literature; the astronomikal calculashuns are unique, the language elegant, the moral perfekt, the sentiments just, and the whole thing extremely bully."—*Boston Ledger*, May 1st, 1869.

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"In theze daze of tawdry novels, imbecile poetry, and flord histerys, it iz charming tew take up such a brilliant thing az Josh Billings' Farmers' Allminax, whare philosophy and sentiment frolik together, and whare wit sits in state, with one arm around the waist ov morality."—*Omaha Patriot*, July 4th, 1869.

### *JANUARY MONOGRAPH.*

This month waz named after one Janus, a sharp sighted old chap, with a face like a pikaxe, so that he could look both ways at once, back onto the old year, and forward onto the new one. At the latter part ov his life he died of a thaw, leaving a snug little property, sum six or seven hundred dollars, which akordin tew one ov the bye-laws ov hiz will, waz invested in tin back thermometers, and distributed among the suffering poor ov his native village, az mementoze ov Janus.

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### *DOMESTIX RECEIPTS.*

Tew find the square root ov a hog's noze, turn him into a gardin patch.

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Tew enjoy a good reputashun, giv publickly, and steal privately.

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Tew remove grease from a man's karakter, let him strike sum sudden ile.

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Tew giv oysters an extra good relish, eat them at sumboddy else's expense.

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Tew git wrong things out ov yure child's head,—comb it often.



I never argy agin a success,  
 when i see a rattlesnays head  
 sticking out or a whole, i bear  
 off to the left, and say to myself  
 - That hole belongs to that  
 snarf. -

Josh Billings



Cider may be a good temperance  
beverage, but i' hav seen folks  
git so drunk on it, that they  
couldn't tell one or the 10  
commandments from a bye  
law or a base ball klub. =  
Josh Billings



### ***FEBUARY MONOGRAPH.***

This month haz but 28 days, the extreme kold weather that prevails haz puckered up the month. Once in four years thare iz a big melt and then the month swells, and haz 29 days. This month iz looked upon az unpleasant, and it iz unpleasant for digging out woodchucks, but for setting in front of the fire, and skinning apples, and snapping the seeds at the galls, it kant be beat. The name ov this month is derived from an old Chinese word (now lost) which means *condem kold*.

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### ***USEFUL HINTS TEW BOARDIN HOUSE KEEPERS.***

In buying roast beef, dont forgit, that roast beef, tew be bully, must be tuff.

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Be kerful how yu soke yure makrel, too mutch sokeing, takes the wear out ov them.

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In selekting a yung goose for yure table, dont forgit tew remember, that the longer a goose has lived in this world, the more experience he will hav, when he cums tew be chawed.

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Keep a cow, and then the milk wont hav tew be watered but once.



Q.—What is the best cure for  
happiness? @ 3 Q @ 3 0



*Bring out yure bran nu cutter,  
And git yure galls consent,  
Then hitch up Dobbin, or sum other kruttur,  
And let the animile went.*

A.—Milk a cow on the run,  
and living on the milk.

Q	3	Prognostix.	SHAD SCALES.
1	T	3 Gusty 3 squalls 3	Fools are the whet stuns ov society.
2	W	St. 4 Valentine 3	
3	T	3 killed 270 3	
4	F	3 more gusty	If a man haint got a well bal- lanced head, i like tew see him part hiz hair in the middle.
5	S	Valentine 3 3	
6	G	waz 3 Cupid's 3	
7	M	3 Corresponding	It iz a strange and lamentable fakt, that yu kant advance, nor even inaugurate, a moral move- ment without the aid ov money— yu kan run a saw mill on credit, but yu kant run the gospel.
8	T	Secretary 3 snow 3	
9	W	3 storms still	
10	T	loafing 3 around 3	When i waz yung, i used tew feel good six days in two, but now i am old, if I kan manage tew feel good two days in six, i think i am doing fust rate.
11	F	@ the 3 sky * Roger	
12	S	Sherman waz a 3	
13	G	shoemaker 3 farmers	Flattery iz like colone water, tew be smelt ov, not swallowed.
14	M	3 will 3 now 3	
15	T	3 sprinkle their	
16	W	hay with brine 3 3	
17	T	3 and skratz their	
18	F	pigs 3 backs 3 snow	
19	S	3 falls 3 in 3	
20	G	chunks 3 now 3	
21	M	trap for 3 mice	
22	T	3 3 and other	
23	W	furs 3 pepper 3	
24	T	sass fust discovered	
25	F	3 1496 sighns ov a 3	
26	S	3 thaw Ben Franklin	
27	G	waz a 3 printer.	
28	M		

### ***MARCH MONOGRAPH.***

This month derives her pedigree from the Danish verb "*Whiss*," which means to blow, to wheeze, to snort, to pitch in endways, and crossways, to shake winder blinds, to smash barn doors, to skare pigs, to brake clothes lines, to make men sware, and wimmin balky. March iz principally immense for wind, but whare it all cums from, and whare it all goes to, are prize conumdrums which i kant untangle. Dogs kreated this month invariably hav the bark on.

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### ***ATTENSHUN FARMERS.***

Rathbun's "Old oaken bucket washing masheen." For washing, bleaching, bileing, wringing, starching, blueing, hanging out, drieving, ironing, marking, fluting, and folding clothes, this lovely masheen haz no competitor in the male, or femail world. This iz the only masheen in the western hemisphear, that takes the inside cloth oph from a man's back on the keen jump, and puts it back agin, in 15 minnits, washed, dried, ironed, starched, the buttons sowed on, and the collar turned down. Ask for Rathbun's Old oaken bucket washing masheen, and keep asking till yu git it, and when yu hav got it, hug it tew yure buzzum.

31 Days.

MARCH.

1870.

Q.—Will yu please to define  
suicide? 111 8 8 8 8 8

Mend fences now, and ditches dig,  
Lay in some cow, and little pig,  
For milk, and pork,

Is what enables a man tew do a good square day's work.

A.—Suicide iz cheating the  
doktors out ov a job.

#	th	Prognostix.	SARDINES.
1	T	Windyt winds 0	Thare is only one good substitute for the endearments of a sister, and that iz the endearments ov sum other phellows sister.
2	W	with sighns & 15 8A	
3	T	ov 1 1 1 wind	
4	F	"Sorosis" (8) fust	Cheerfull old girls are the brides maids ov society.
5	S	born 0 II 1206 born	
6	G	0 agin 0 8 8	
7	M	1868 3-very-3 windy	About the meanest kritter thare iz now travelling around on the buzzum ov the earth, iz a bashfull hypokritt.
8	T	with 8 II wind	
9	W	11 8 gusts peach 8	
10	T	crop cut 0 8	I hope i shall never hav so mutch reputashun, that i shant feel obliged tew be civil.
11	F	off az 8 8 8 usual	
12	S	Robinson 1 1 1 Cruso	
13	G	8 8 died 0 1492	The biggest phool in this world hazn't been born yet.
14	M	now yoke 8 0 pigs	
15	T	and geese * 11	
16	W	plant 0 lobsters	Natur is just az honest az a cow.
17	T	and 0 8 lettiss for	
18	F	0 sallad look 0 out	
19	S	0 fer 0 wind	
20	G	count 8 0 yure 11	
21	M	0 cockroaches 0	
22	T	and see if 11 0 enny	
23	W	0 hav bin 0 mislaid	
24	T	congress 0 0	
25	F	adjourns 8 less 0	
26	S	wind sour 0 and	
27	G	cold a 0 11 good 15	
28	M	8 11 time 0 to	
29	T	trade off 0 11	
30	W	a mule 0 0	
31	T		

### *APRIL MONOGRAPH.*

"April, dear April, chuck full ov charms,

Cum, cum, oh cum, tew mi arms,"


thus warbled the poet, more than twelve thousand years ago, and he knew his bizz, he had the right sting in him, he want none ov yure pedigree poets, nor dispepshee poets, nor whiskee poets.


Dandyions planted this month are almost sure tew hed out, so are tud stools, so are hed cheeze. This month iz also helthy for planting onions, onions are a luxury, and are good for a bad breth, or are bad for a good breth, i hav forgot which, but either way iz right.


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### *VALUABEL ADVICE TEW YUNG SPORTSMEN.*

 In fishing for musketoze dont wait for them tew bite the seckond time.

 The best bait for bed bugs, iz tew sleep three in a bed.

 The best mark for target praktiss iz an old maskuline goose, one goose will last yu for five years, shooting, and when he finally gits struck with lightning, and begins tew perish, yu kan melt him up, and git out the lead.

 The best kind ov a spear, for bullfrogging, iz a four tined dung fork, when you git the tines all full, shoulder the fork, and put for home.



### *MAY MONOGRAPH.*

May iz the belle ov the year, she haz worn the belt for five thousand years. If May hadn't hav been a sensible girl, she would hav bin spilte long ago with poetry and stanzy. But she is an independant kritter, and dont care one kuss for stanzy. This iz an eazy month tew fall in love, our naturs are now fully thawd out, after the late kold snap, and like a little melted brook, begin tew look around, tew find another little melted brook tew mix with. Oh! how precious and delightsum it iz to mix. Hive bees during this month, if yu hav got sum, if not, hive sumboddy else's.

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### *PATENTTS ISSUED DURING 1869.*

Feb. 1st. To Ambrose Griddle, Esq., a pattent for a hen's egg, which beats the natral egg for awl purposes, except, cooking, hatching, and eating.

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April 13th. To Ezra Push, Jun., a pattent for a one wheeled velosipede. This wise instrumentality haz two handles tew it, and iz purswaded by taken hold ov the handles, and walking between them with a shove moshun. If it wasn't a velosipede, it would be an old fashioned wheelbarrow.

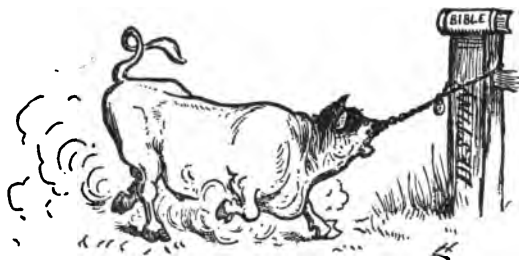
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March 10th. To David Gibson, for a pattent goose yoke. These yokes are packed in cotton wool, and sent bi express all over the face ov the earth, they are sudden tew yoke a goose with, and no goose should be without one.



I thank the Lord that there  
 is one thing in this world  
 that money can't buy, and  
 that is.— the wag or a  
 dogs tail! =

Yours Uncle, Josh Billings



The infidel argys just az a  
 Bull durz chained to a  
 post, he bellows, and paws,  
 but he dont git loose from  
 the post i notiss.-  
 Not much, Sash Bellings



31 Days.

MAY.

1870.

Q.—What will ye compare  
old maids to? ♀♂ ♀

*The Rooster now with burstin throat,  
Proclaims the rosy morn,  
And cocklin hens are telling us,  
Another egg is born.*

A.—Embers on the hearth,  
from which the sparks  
have fled. ♀♂ ♀

♂ ♀	Prognostix.	RAMRODS.
1 G	☞ "Physician ♀	Piety iz like beans, it seems tew do the best on a poor sile.
2 M	heal thyself; ☞ ♀	
3 T	* big joke ☐	
4 W	☞ on physician ☞	
5 T	now ☞ plant Δ ♂ ♀	About the hardest thing a phellow kan do, iz tew spark two girls at onst, and preserve a good average.
6 F	☞ corn ♀ for early	
7 S	whiskey ☞ showers	
8 G	with sun (☉)	
9 M	in them ☞ spring	I had rather be a seed cow- cumber, flung up on a wood pile, tew ripen, than tew be an old bachelor.
10 T	☞ haz cum ☞	
11 W	adorned like ☞	
12 T	☉ a bride ♀	
13 F	sighs ☞ ov	Better leave yure children virtew, than money, but this iz a sekret known only to a few.
14 S	☞ rain ☞ brides	
15 G	alwus create a ☉	
16 M	☉ ☞ ☞ sensashun	
17 T	☞ thunder ☞	Going tew law, iz like skinning a nu milk cow for her hide, and giving the beef tew the lawyers.
18 W	mixed with Δ ♂	
19 T	rain ☞ it iz more	
20 F	& diffikult tew ☞	
21 S	be a bride ☞	
22 G	☞ than a brides ☉	
23 M	maid ☞ babes	
24 T	☞ ☞ in the ☉ ☞	
25 W	woods diskovered ☞	
26 T	☞ Δ 1626 ♂ ♀	
27 F	☞ harvest	
28 S	cowslops for ☞ ☞	
29 G	greens ☞ ☞ eggs	
30 M	☞ plenty—	
31 T		

### *JUNE MONOGRAPH.*

June iz twin sister tew May, lacking a month. She iz named after Juno, the spouze ov Jupiter, and she waz a stirring woman. June iz the mother of rozes and milk. June iz the stepmother of good gras butter, she iz also grate granmother ov Bakon and Spinnage. June iz a praktikal gusher, and i love tew stand one side, and let her gush,—i hav made it a rule never tew git in the way ov a gush ov enny kind,—i say tew everything, gush ! oh, gush !

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### *WORDS TEW HOUSEWIFES.*

To make a cheap soup, take 5 drops ov good strong onion juice, add 2 gall's ov water, bile 10 minnits karefully, and season with a couple ov phatt cockroches.

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To make a hoe kake, take a hoe and bile it tew a thin yell, and then,—let her kake

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Tew skin a Eel, turn him inside out, and remove the meat with a Jack plane

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Tew make a hen lay 2 eggs a day, reazon with her ; if that dont dew, threaten to chastize her if she dont.

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Tew learn yure offspring to steal, make them beg hard for all that yu giv them.



### *JULY MONOGRAPH.*

July iz the sixth month, which ackounts for its being so near the middle ov the year. It derives its name from "Julos" a hot old phellow, who settled near the equator, at an early day, and kept every boddy in hiz naberhood, in a profound swett. July haz menney features ov *interest*, the *principle* one ov which, iz, the payment ov semi-annual *interest*, by most ov the banks, on the fust day ov the month, upon their *principal*. This iz a fine old custom, and i hope it will be kept up, for i own a leetle bank stock, and take sum *interest* in the *principle*.

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### *A NEW TOOL.*

*"Rogers grate western hoss rake."*

John Rogers revolving, expanding, uncerimonius, self-adjusting, self-contrakting, self-sharpening, self-greasing, and self-righteous Hoss Rake, iz now, and forever, offered tew a generous publik. Theze rakes are az eazy tew keep in repair az a hitching post, and will rake up a paper ov pins, sowed broad kast, in a ten aker lot ov wheat stubble. Theze rakes kan be used in the winter for a hen roost, or be sawed up into stove wood for the kitchen fire. No farmer, ov good moral karakter, should be without this rake, not even if he haz to steal one..

31 Days.

JULY.

1870.

Q.—Where do the vain  
go tew when they die?

Young man l—let hornets be, and dont go nigh  
The pisen swaik tew mutch,  
For during the month ov Julii,  
They asnt helthy tew the tutch.

A.—The barbers shop. \$11

R	□	Prognostix.	DOUGH NUTS.
1	F	☿ ⊕ Mad dogs	I hav alwus notised one thing, when a man gits in a tite spot, he dont never call on hiz friend the Devil tew help him out.
2	S	seen ☿ muzzle	
3	G	yure ☿ ☿	
4	M	☿ children ⊕	
5	T	☿ look out	The man who haz just found out that he kant afford tew burn green wood, haz taken hiz fust lesson in econemy.
6	W	for a hotness ☿ ☿	
7	T	☿ owe no ☿	
8	F	man ☿ keep cool.☿	
9	S	hail storm ☿ hail	I think now if I had all the money that iz due me i would invest it in a saw mill,—and let her rip.
10	G	☿ ☿ stones.☿	
11	M	weigh several ☿	
12	T	tons ☿ ☿ that	
13	W	iz all ☿ * * *	A good wife iz a sweet smile from heaven.
14	T	that fell ☿ the	
15	F	☿ hot iz more ☿	
16	S	hot ☿ ☿ saw	
17	G	☿ horses begin ☿	A big noze iz sed to be a sighn ov genius,—if a mans genius lays in hiz noze, i should say the sighn waz a good one.
18	M	tew pant.☿	
19	T	☿ wet shower ☿	
20	W	☿ more ☿ ☿	
21	T	☿ warm ☿	
22	F	☿ ☿ a penny	
23	S	saved iz ☿ ☿	
24	G	☿ worth ☿ two ☿	
25	M	lost ☿ ☿ pray	
26	T	for ice ☿ ☿	
27	W	☿ ☿ flies lively	
28	T	☿ now harvest	
29	F	☿ rye for ☿ ☿	
30	S	whiskee ☿ ☿	
31	G		

### *AUGUST MONOGRAPH.*

This month, for sum reason, haz got a hot way ov doing things. Awl natur unties her corsets and loafa bi the side ov brooks, with stockingless feet, tew ketch the cool words ov singing waters, and watch the bubbles ov sweet, that rize on the noze ov the green frog, az they set down on themselves, on the moss upholstered stones.

Butter spreads itself freely during this month. Snakes slip eazy, and Cupid crawls behind the shadder ov a dieing roze, and shutes hiz gun at the galls, and boys.

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### *THINGS WORTH KNOWING.*

Tew milk a kicking cow, stand oph about 10 foot, and holler "So / darn you."

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Tew make light bread, do az the bakers do,—call 9 ounces a pound.

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Tew make oxtale soup, bile an ox in a pot, and let the caudel continuation hang over the edge ov the pot and drip.

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Tew git at the solid kontents ov yure wife's tongue, be verry sweet with the new skool mom in yure distrikt.

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Tew break a mule—commence at his head.

31 Days.

AUGUST.

1870.

Q.—What iz the capacity  
ov an omnibus? an

*Now chop down oats,  
And hew down barley,  
Rise with the sun,  
And go tew bed arly.*

A.—The same az a grave  
yard, it takes all  
that cums. \*†‡.¶||

Q	O	Prognostix.	STUB ENDS.
1	M	δ Expekt pack o	
2	T	pedlers ¶¶ dry	A lie iz like a kat, it never
3	W	and hot * ice	cums tew yu in a straight line.
4	T	¶ iz trumps †	
5	F	great drouth ¶¶	—○—
6	S	auctioneers ¶¶	
7	G	¶ dry ¶	The longest lived thing i kno
8	M	o up o Don'	ov, iz a nickname.
9	T	Quixot fights o	
10	W	a wind mill o o	—○—
11	T	1342 ‡ gits	
12	F	whipped the &	Most men go through life az
13	S	o fust round	rivers go tew the sea, bi following
14	G	¶ honesty ¶	the lay ov the ground.
15	M	iz the best ¶	
16	T	policy δ better	—○—
17	W	δ than a life &	
18	T	¶ insurance	
19	F	policy §§ uncommon	If I had a mule who wouldn't
20	S	hot ¶ rag dolls	neither kick, nor bite, i should
21	G	perspire freely ¶¶	watch him dredful cluss till i
22	M	rain with thunder**	found out whare hiz malice did
23	T	o heat increases	lie,
24	W	o thermometers bile	
25	T	over o Adam	—○—
26	F	¶ waz the ¶¶	
27	S	fust man &	
28	G	cooler ¶ that	The devil iz a mean kuss, he
29	M	o kissed a	never keeps hiz own promises,
30	T	woman * ¶	but alwus makes us keep ours.
31	W		

### **SEPTEMBER MONOGRAPH.**

September iz named after "Septus" which thrashed out into Amerikan, means seven. I wouldn't take 500 dollars for the latin i know, and i don't kno mutch nuther. Sept. iz a lakadaisikal month, mello az the decayed side of a punkin, and as sensitive az a boarding school miss, during her fust quarter in french. Natur makes her will this month—hogs root violently—birds hold convenshuns, and adjourn down south—tree toads boost each other up trees and warble sum anthems—katydids chew musick and spit it out freely, and bull frogs post their books.

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### **MORE ADVICE TEW YOUNG SPORTSMEN.**

In shooting at a deer that looks like a calf, always aim so az tew miss it if it iz a calf, and to hit it if it iz a deer.

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In fishing for krabs, use yure fingers for bait, yu kan feel them when they fust bite.

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Dont fire at a bumble bee on the wing, not till he settles, then take good aim, and knok him endways.

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In bobbing for Eels, use a raw potato, yu may not bag much Eels, but yu kan bag a bob, that yu kan hand down tew yure ancestors untarnished.



30 Days.

SEPTEMBER.

1870.

Q.—How fast duz sound travel?



*This month pull flax,  
And teeth that ake,  
Lay in bees wax,  
And emptins hake.*

A.—The sound ov a dinner  
horn travels one mile  
in a second —

#	II	Prognostix.	OLD CHEEZE.
1	T	<i>Limpsey weather</i> ☿	Medicine haz cost the world more than bread haz, and haz killed more than it haz cured.
2	F	<i>☿ moon in perigree</i>	
3	S	<i>☿ Jim Crow</i>	
4	G	<i>born 1836 ☿ now</i>	
5	M	<i>☿ ☿ dry apples</i>	Marriage tew a coquette iz often, "letters ov marque and reprisal."
6	T	<i>for sass ☿ rain</i>	
7	W	<i>threatning ☿ money</i>	
8	T	<i>tight ☿ ☿ fall</i>	
9	F	<i>bonnets appear ☿</i>	It iz very diffikult for a poor man tew be superior tew hiz for- tune, and more diffikult for a rich one.
10	S	<i>☿ ☿ they are</i>	
11	G	<i>ravishing ☿ ☿</i>	
12	M	<i>cool ☿ ☿ to a 20</i>	
13	T	<i>dollar bill ☿</i>	Hunting after health, iz like hunting after fleas, the more yu hunt, the more <i>flees</i> you will find.
14	W	<i>☿ now fish for ☿</i>	
15	T	<i>crabs ☿ rain dries</i>	
16	F	<i>☿ crabs bite with</i>	
17	S	<i>their feet ☿ smoky</i>	The devil iz sed tew be the "father ov lies," if this iz so, he haz got a numerous family, and sum very promising children amongst them.
18	G	<i>weather ☿ ☿ and</i>	
19	M	<i>hang on like ☿</i>	
20	T	<i>a poor relashun ☿</i>	
21	W	<i>☿ use cod ☿</i>	
22	T	<i>liver oil ☿</i>	
23	F	<i>☿ more wet ☿ for</i>	
24	S	<i>greasing waggons ☿</i>	
25	G	<i>grate snake ~~~</i>	
26	M	<i>seen at ☿ *</i>	
27	T	<i>Nuport 1820 ☿ iz</i>	
28	W	<i>miles long ☿ Venus</i>	
29	T	<i>☿ an evening star *</i>	
30	F		

### *OCTOBER MONOGRAPH.*

October iz one ov the fall months, Adam iz sed tew hav fell this month, but sich assershuns are like standing oph a half a mile, in a cloudy day, and guessing at the number ov fleas on a dorg, mòre sincere, than sartain. The strongest attrakshun for me, in this month, iz her natral cider; the man who don't admire good natral cider, must be a condem phool.

Prepare for a hard winter during this month, bi repenting ov yure sins, and gitting up a good big wood pile.

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### *PECK'S CHURN, AND BRISTOW'S SOWING MASHEEN.*

These churns are the pride ov invenshun, the genius ov improvement, a viktory over time, and a conquest ov labor. They will fetch butter from cream in 2 seckonds, from milk in 2 minnits, and from water, inside ov a very short time. Better be without a spellin book, or even a pack of kards, in a growing family, than not tew hav one ov Peck's Churns. Peck iz a philanthropist, every housewife in the world, should put on a clean white apron, hold up both hands on high, and shout, Bully!! oh! Bully! for Peck.

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Buy Bristow's double-thread, cross-stitch, rivet-seam, dovetail-hemmer, lighting-movement, krank-moshun sowing masheen. These masheens took all the premiums at the late lamented Paris imposishun, and one ov them, which waz sent tew a farmer in Tiogy county last fall, on trial, sowed up the whole family in a hard not, in less than three days, besides sowing fourteen acres of winter rye.

31 Days.

OCTOBER.

1870.

Q.—Will you please to state  
what lieg are? ☉ ♀

*The yello korn now scents the gale,  
And harvest boys the milk maids wake,  
With matin songs, in praises of,  
Hasty puddin, and Johnny cake.*

A.—Lies are the grease on  
the snake's belly. ♀

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## Prognostix.

○ Jack Frost ●  
born ♀ of  
poor but honest  
☉ ♀ parents ♀ now  
hunt for cider ☉  
♂ moon in ♀  
apogee ♀ ♀  
● air brittle ♀  
snakes hang ♀  
♂ up their sled  
signs a hold ♀  
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snap ♂ ♂ begin  
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but cold & now  
butcher hens  
♂ ♀ for  
thanksgiving ♀  
☉ ♀ frosty ♀ lay  
in yure  
winter clams ♀

## BIRDS TRACKS.

How menny people thare iz  
whoze souls hang in them, like  
the pith in a gooze quill.

Opinyuns are like other kinds  
ov vegetables, worth jist what  
they will fetch.

When a man gits so reduced  
that he kant help ennyboddy else,  
we then vote him a penshun for  
the rest ov hiz life, by calling him  
a *poor devil*.

A lie repented ov bekums the  
truth.

I had rather be married tew an  
unabridged Webster's diktionary,  
than tew an unabridged literary  
woman.

### *NOVEMBER MONOGRAPH.*

Everybodydy wants tew be sassy at November—to turn her the cold shoulder—tew nuss all their old akes anew—tew look az sour az a pot-bellied pickle—tew hunt for a kat's tale tew step at,—but i aint! November iz when i harvest mi happiness, when i gather into mi pious korn krip, the moral sowing ov the whole year. I am only sorry for one thing during the month ov November, and that iz, that i am sich a poor, weak, unsartin, sinnerly cuss, and that mi nabers aint much better than i am.

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### *SUM MORE HINTS TEW BOARDIN-HOUSE KEEPERS.*

1st. If your boarders take sugar, and milk, in their kaughphy, dont put in mutch sugar, bekauze yu kno they hav milk, and dont put in but little milk, bekauze they hav sugar.

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2d. Bukwheat kakes made out ov wheat bran kost less, and soak up molasses more carefully.

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3d. In negotiating for sassige, do yure bizzness with the bolony men, then you kno what yu are gitting yu kant alwus tell what country sassige kontains.

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4th. Be kind tew cockroaches, for they often make a plate of butter last a whole week, and when you pray, alwus pray for the light eaters.

30 Days.



























NOVEMBER.

1870.

Q.—What iz the easiest  
vittles tew digest? &

*Pick apples now, and cider make,  
And in a barrel juice it,  
Then git a straw, without a flaw,  
And through the straw seduce it.*

A.—A good joke. 

#	Q	Prognostix.	SHOE PEGS.
1	T	<i>Sour cold</i>  a	A debt iz alwus a growing, if it dont gro in size, it grows in heft.
2	W	  stampede in	
3	T	Brigham (t)	
4	F	Youngs family	—○—
5	S	 <i>more cold</i>  he	
6	G	suddenly bekums 	
7	M	unwedded  <i>more</i>	There iz lots ov folks in the world, who covet misfortins jist for the luxury ov grunting.
8	T	[it] <i>sour</i>  for a	
9	W	large ( ) amount	
10	T	<i>rain</i>  and iz	—○—
11	F	 left a 75 hoss	
12	S	power widdower 	
13	G	 <i>clammy and raw</i>	Hope iz a draft on fewturity, sumtimes honored, but generally extended.
14	M	Brigham burys 	
15	T	himself in 	
16	W	weeds  <i>blustering</i>	—○—
17	T	 at the bottom ov 	
18	F	his garden patch  <i>cold with sourness</i>	
19	S	Brother Brigham	Prosperity makes phools, and adversity cures them.
20	G	rallys  <i>sighs ov</i>	
21	M	<i>snow</i>  he iz sealed	
22	T	seven times in one	A dandy iz one ov Fashion's Eunuchs.
23	W	day  <i>sour</i>	
24	T	<i>with wetness</i> & 	
25	F	*sealing wax	—○—
26	S	advances 10  	
27	G	[  ] cents on a stick	
28	M	now chop wood 	If yu want a true friend, hire him bi the month, and pay him fair wages.
29	T		
30	W		

### *DECEMBER MONOGRAPH.*

This iz the last month in the Josh Billings Farmers Alminax. Other dutys, ov a maskuline natur hav forced us tew haul in our gang plank. We would like tew hav hung on a month or two longer, and made a big thing ov it. Dear Reader we -must part, and it iz like pulling angleworms out ov their holes, almost sure tew part the angleworms. I shall think ov yu az long az i liv, please tew resiprokate, when yu remember me, by uttering a tear. I hav taken a kontrakt tew remove the muskeeters from the State ov Nu Jersee, west of the Rocky Mountains, tew their new reservashun, and i am anxious tew git the bulk ov them started before they thaw out. I may lose mi life in the undertakin, but i have bin told by good judges, that it is sweet tew die for ones country. I kant tell whether this iz so or not, i never tried it. Good bye, this kussid muskeeter kontrakt iz wearing on me.

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### *FAMILY MEDICINE.*

#### *Joel Biggs' Sticking Salve.*

A thing well stuck, iz stuck forever.  
This salve will stick enny man.  
It will undoubtedly stick the "coming man."  
It haz stuck every man that haz cum yet.  
No family should be without this matchless sticker.  
(Unless they are too much stuck up allreddy.)  
It iz put up in sticks twenty feet long,  
To stick a man at a distance.

31 Days.

DECEMBER.

1870.

Q.—Let us hear yu define  
water? ㄣ ㄣ ㄣ ㄣ

*File hi the harth, with beechen wood,  
Load down the kitchen table,  
Fill up the old clay pipe,  
And go it while yure able.*

A.—Water iz,—iz goose  
bitter. ㄣ ㄣ ㄣ ㄣ

8	Q	Prognostix.
1	T	♀ & Cold ㄣ
2	F	snow now ㄣ ㄣ
3	S	inflate sassage ㄣ
4	G	"Necessity iz the
5	M	8-() mother ov
6	T	invenshun" ㄣ ㄣ
7	W	ㄣ more snow ㄣ ㄣ
8	T	invenshun waz born
9	F	in Nu England ㄣ
10	S	ㄣ cold ㄣ Plymouth
11	C	rock discovered ㄣ
12	M	1620 ㄣ punch fires
13	T	ㄣ ㄣ Old Zip
14	W	Coon died
15	T	1840 ㄣ snow ㄣ too
16	F	, much hard 8-
17	S	cider floored him 8-
18	G	ㄣ ㄣ bitter cold ㄣ
19	M	ㄣ ㄣ Santy Claws
20	T	created ㄣ year
21	W	disputed ㄣ thare
22	T	iz menney a ㄣ ㄣ
23	F	● rose born tew 8-
24	S	blush unseen ㄣ ㄣ
25	G	ㄣ espeshilly negroes
26	M	[-] more colder [-]
27	T	1870 dies ㄣ
28	W	pile on the ㄣ
29	T	ㄣ ㄣ bed clothes ㄣ ㄣ
30	F	good night ! ! ! ㄣ
31	S	

## GOOD BYES.

I thank God most fervently for  
one thing, and that iz, when  
everybuddy else iz happy, i am  
sure to be.

Love iz sed tew be blind, but i  
kno lots ov phellows in love, who  
kan see twice az mutch in their  
sweethearts as i kan.

If yu want tew git a sure krop,  
and a big yield, sow wild oats.

The chains ov slavery are none  
the lighter for being made ov  
gold.

In youth we run into difikultys,  
in old age, difikultys run into us.

### ***EXTRA EKLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1870.***

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There will be eklipses this year which have been overlooked by other Allminax makers.

*First.*—Thare will be semiokasional eklipses ov the moon, kauzed bi brandy smashes gitting between that virtewous and pale old woman, and the eyes ov sum ov our most promising young men.

*Second.*—There will be a few eklipses ov the Son, kauzed bi the old gentleman cutting oph the supplys ov Charles Fitz Henry Augustus. (Bully for the old gentleman.)

*Third.*—Thare will be domestik eklipses (visibel only tew the naked eye) kauzed bi the new Comet Sorosis jumping out ov her pasture, and cantering around promiskuss.

*Fourth.*—Thare will be teetotal eklipse during the whole of the Year 1870, ov all other Allminax, throughout the earth, upper and lower kanada, and sum parts ov Nu Jersee, kauzed bi the immense circulashun ov the  
**JOSH BILLINGS' FARMERS' ALLMINAX.**



# Hordunk Valley Rail Road.

## RULES, BY-LAWS, AND REGULASHUNS.

Conduktors are positively forbid tricing tew pass each other on a single track.

2. Passengers are warned ov the great danger ov standing on the platforms, — menny a promising man haz lost hiz life by having a platform drop from under him.

3. Positively no droves ov cattle or swine allowed on this road unless they are travelling the same direckshun the trains are.

4. Engineers are earnestly requested tew keep their cow ketchers well greased, and will bear in mind that when a cow iz ketched the hide belongs tew them ; but the beef and tallo iz tew be sent immejiately tew the president of the road.

5. Enny switchman running a train oph from the trak will be find 10 dollars, and interest on the fine at the rate of 4 per cent per annum untill the fine iz paid.

6. No konduktor iz invited tew remain on this road 10 minnits who hasn't heard ov the 10 commandments, espeshily the one which sez "*thou shalt not spondulick thyself with the dimes ov another.*"

7. No charges made on this road for coroners' inquests.

## HOW THEY DO TALK

ABOUT

# Josh Billings' Farmer's Allminax

FOR THE YEAR 1870.

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"Giv me liberty, or giv me deth, but if i kant hav either, giv me Josh Billings' allminax for 1870."

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"It kured mi wife ov wanting to die."

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"It iz like peper sass in a hot day."

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"The Billings Allminax will go father in a family than 12 dozen ov ginger popp."

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"When i am sad and lonely, i fli tew its pages, like a bumblabee tew a full blown dandyion."

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"It gave me grate presence ov mind."

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"My wife brings up her ophspring, and dux all her plain sowing bi yure allminaxes."

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"How cooling, and perforating it iz."

### *THE NATRAL HORNET*

The hornet iz a red hot child ov natur, ov sudden impreshuns, and a sharp konklusion. The hornets alwus fites at short range, and never argy a case, they settle all ov their disputes bi letting their javelin fly, and are az certain, and az anxious tew hit, az a mule iz. Hornets bild their nest whereever they take a noshun to, and sel-dum are asked to move, for what would it profit a man tew murder 99 hornets, and have the one hundred one hit him with hiz javelin. I kan't tell you jist tew a day how long a hornet kan live, but I kno from experience, that every bug, be he hornet or sumbody else, who iz mad all the time, and stings every good chance he kan git, generally outlives all ov his nabors.

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### *DOMESTIK RECEIPTS.*

To make good ginger-snaps, take one pound of ginger, stir in a half dozen ov lively snaps, do them to a brown, and then lock them up, or the yung ones will hook them.

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To learn a dog tew follow well, tie him tew the hind end ov an express train.

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To find out whether a man has got a good moral karakter or not, ask him pleasantly.

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To cure herring, — use Godfrey's Kordial.

### *THE PROMISCUSS COCKROACH.*

The Cockroach iz a bug at large. He iz one ov the luxurys ov civilizashun. The Cockroach iz born on the fust ov May, and the fust ov November semi-annually, and iz redly for use in fifteen days from date. They are born four from each egg, and consequently they are all twins ; thare iz no sich thing in the annals ov natur, az a single cockroach. Their food seems to consist, not so mutch ov what they eat, az what they kan git into, and often finding them ded, in the soup, at mi boarding house, I have cum tew the painful conclushun, that the cockroach kan't swim, but that he kan float for a long time.

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### *HINTS TEW YUNG WIFES.*

1. Don't undertake tew liv with yure mother-in-law, but if wuss cums tew a wussness, let yure mother-in-law liv with yu.

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2. Never let yure husband kno more than one haff the affeckshun yu hav for him.

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3. Don't name a yung one after a bachelor brother, nor a bachelor sister.

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4. Observe theze rules fondly, keep yure feet dri, and yure hair slick, and yu will prove a model wife, (and after that), an acceptable widder.



I notice one thing.— The man  
who rides on the cars every  
day, is satisfied with one  
seat, but he who rides  
once a year, wants 4.—  
That's so. Josh Pellings



The man whom you can't  
git to write poetry; or  
tell the truth, untill you  
git him haff drunk aint  
worth the investment. =  
no sir. Josh Billings

31 Days.

JANUARY.

1871.

Q.—Who was the best dead  
beat? If Q

*He who by the plough would thrive,  
Must no a forty hattle drive,  
But worry the ground to and fro,  
With horned krittlers who shakely seem to go.*

A.—Cain: he deat beat his  
brother Abel. 317

Q	●	History.	HASH ON TOAST.
1	G	● Grate cold 3 1/2	All the good injuns die young.
2	M	Adam born 6 6	—
3	T	cold grows 6	—
4	W	Adam had no	Mankind love misterys, a hole
5	T	mother [6] 6	in the ground excites more won-
6	F	137: symptoms ov a	der than a star up in heaven.
7	S	thawness 2	—
8	G	industry we thrive	—
9	M	it looks like snow	—
10	T	Eve born 11 8	Jist about az cerimonys creep
11	W	i shouldn't wonder	into one end ov a church, piety
12	T	if it did snow	backs out at the other.
13	F	Eve was a	—
14	S	success 7 13 1/2	—
15	G	grate sassige riot	—
16	M	in 1612 6 12	Blessed are they who hav no
17	T	now haul ice 7 11	eye for a key hole.
18	W	50,000 sassige	—
19	T	destroyed 11 a thaw	—
20	F	threatens 11 Adam	Don't mistake vivacity for wit,
21	S	waz a confiding man	thare iz about az mutch difference
22	G	thaw more threat-	az thare iz between lightning and
23	M	ensome 6 he took	a lightning bug.
24	T	the chances 6	—
25	W	colder 7 8 6	—
26	T	and got badly beat	A coquett in love iz az tame az
27	F	11 mercury	a bottle ov ginger pop that haz
28	S	11 an inch 6 12	stood sum time with the cork
29	G	belo zero 11 6	pulled out.
30	M	6 6 beware of the	
31	T	gout 11 12 7 8	

### *THE UNIVERSAL SWINE.*

The Swine, (almost always) hav four legs, tho thare iz sum remarkable exceptshuns to this rule. Swine are good quiet boarders; they alwus eat what is sot before them, and don't ask enny phoolish questions. The Swine kan be larnt a great menny amusing things, sich az highsting the front gate oph from the hinges, and finding a hole in the fence to git into the cornfield, but it iz dredful hard work for them tew find the same hole tew git out at, espeshily if yu are in a hurry to hav them. This haz never bin fully explained, but speaks vollums for the swine. Swine can all root well, a swine that kant root well, iz a poor job.

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### *HINTS TEW YUNG HUSBANDS.*

Marriage iz a fair transackshun on the face of it.

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2. Sum marry for buty, and never diskover their mistake; this iz lucky.

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3. Sum marry for pedigree and feel big for six months, and then cum tew the konklusion, that pedigree aint no better than skim-milk.

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4. Sum marry tew please their relashuns and are surprized that their relashuns don't kare a cuss for them afterwards.

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5. Marry Yung!—thare iz but one good excuse for a marriage late in life, and that iz,—a seckond marriage.



28 Days.

FEBRUARY.

1871.

Q.—What is the best thing out yet  
for real comfort? & Δ

Now gather round the kitchen fire,  
And pile the chunks on hier and hier,  
Git out the old fiddle and partners choose,  
And shake her down in your cowhide shoes.

A.—An aking tooth.  
& ♣

my	○	History.	CHICKEN SALLAD.
1	W	Ω Ω How doth the	Thare iz one krittter in this
2	T	little bizzy bee □	world whoze troubles yu kant con-
3	F	it snows Δ ♣ ♣	sole, and that is a setting hen.
4	S	sting evry good	—
5	G	chance he kan git	Thare iz nothing like a sick
6	M	now slaughter wood	bed for repentance, a man bekums
7	T	⊕ Ω hazy Ω ♣	so virtewous he will often repent
8	W	Jo Smith created	ov sins that he never committed.
9	T	⊕ 1818 ●	—
10	F	sum snow at Mont-	One ov the hardest things, for
11	S	real ⊕ ♣	enny man to do, iz tew fall down
12	G	Jo Smith manufak-	on the ice when it iz wet, and
13	M	terd mormons II	then git up, and praze the Lord.
14	T	squally & ♣ out of	—
15	W	phools & ♣	Gravity iz no more posatiff evi-
16	T	℥ virtew iz her own	dence ov wisdum, than a paper
17	F	paymaster ℥	collar iz ov a shirt.
18	S	bitter cold ♣ II	—
19	G	Jo waz not a polly	Curiosity often gets a mouse
20	M	gamist ℥ ♣	into a trap, — jist so it duz other
21	T	* ♣ sum more	folks.
22	W	coldness ⊕ Δ	
23	T	bully for Jo ⊕ ℥	
24	F	grind stuns fust	
25	S	diskovered 1500 ℥	
26	G	raw but cold ♣ ♣	
27	M	♣ whooping cough	
28	T	iz ketching & ⊕	

### *THE GRITTY ANGLEWORM.*

Angleworms are ov earth, earthy, and crawl for a living. The angleworm, tho full of grit, iz not quarrelsome. It is sed (by naturalists) that angleworm ile, rubbed on the back ov the neck will cure a man ov lieing. I don't beleave this, unless it kills the man. Death is the only safe cure (that haz bin diskovered yet) for the falssehood disseaze. Angleworms are used by sum people az an artikle ov diet — (to ketch fish with). They are handy tew put onto a hook, and are dredful handy tew take oph agin, az every wicked person knows who haz fished all day Sunday for daice in a mill-pond.

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### *HOUSEKEEPERS' GUIDE.*

To make boarding-house hash, take a little ov every thing, a good deal ov nothing, and throw in a chunk ov sumthing; jam to a mux, cook over a kold fire, season with hair pins, and sarve it up on the jump.

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To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself once in a while. .

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To find the solid contents ov a mule's hind legg, feel ov it clussly.

31 Days.

MARCH.

1871.

Q. — Who is the coming man?



Dear girls and boys, take mi advice,  
And don't go on the rotten ice;  
For many a gal has fell chuck in,  
And thus has hatched her final ducking.

A. — The female suffragist.

□	£	History.	CAPER SAUCE.
1	W	<i>Streaks ov wind</i>	Natur never makes enny blunders; when she makes a phool, she means it.
2	T	mhaul in yure	
3	F	close line § ●	
4	S	thwindy § II	
5	G	de gustibus non	
6	M	et cetera § †	Thare iz sum pholks in this world who spend their whole lives a hunting after righteousness, and kant find enny time tew praktiss it.
7	T	§ they overhast ¶	
8	W	ignorance iz bliss §	
9	T	§ bring out yure	
10	F	geese & § ¶	
11	S	△ cold wind *	Human happiness iz like the Hottentot language, enny boddy kan talk it well enuff, but thare aint but phew kan understand it.
12	G	and let them March	
13	M	windy windness	
14	T	§ use Higinbottoms	
15	W	pills ¶ § ¶	
16	F	§ wet rain *	
17	S	they are az mild	Grate transgresshuns seem tew baptize themselves, — if the Devil had only bin guilty ov Pettit larceny, he never would hav bin heard ov agin.
18	G	as a juice harp ©	
19	M	John Rogers died	
20	T	1683 § ¶	
21	W	sum more wind ●	
22	F	he fell in the	
23	S	fire □ § ¶	
24	G	§ now tap for	I dont kno ov enny thing more remorseless, on the face ov the earth, than 7 per cent interest.
25	M	maple sugar ○	
26	T	hi winds § II	
27	W	§ life iz uncertain ¶	
28	F		
29	S		
30	G		
31	M		

### *THE BELLYCOSE GOAT.*

The Goat iz a coarse wollen sheep, with a cracked voice and a sanguine digestion. They had rather steal a rotten turnip out ov a garbage barrell than cum honestly bi a peck ov oats. They strike from the hed insted ov the shoulder, and are az likely tew hit the mark az a bumlebee iz. They are faithfull kriterers in the hour ov adversity, and will stick tew a man az long az he lives in a shanty. They kan klimb evrything but a greased pole, and are alwus poor in the boddy, but phatt in the stum-mak. What they eat seems tew all go tew appetight. A phatt Goat would be a literary curiosity.

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### *PREMIUMS.*

*Awarded to Velosipede Riders in 1870.*

To Abram Parsons, a premium ov  $33\frac{1}{2}$  dollars for riding a velosipede down the back stairs ov a gymnazium, and knocking out 18 ov hiz front teeth, and distorting hiz noze.

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To Nimrod Sturgiss, a copper medal with 9 dollars, and a nu pair ov dorg skin gloves, for riding a velosipede into a mill-pond, and gitting drowned.

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To Marshall Peaboddy Smith, a puss ov 2 dollars, and a life membership in the mackerel club, for riding a velosipede over a nu milch cow, and splitting a telegraph pole from top tew bottom.

30 Days.

APRIL.

1871.

Q— Define the "just in-  
fresh." ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

*April phool was born this month,  
A simpleton, but clever;  
And tho 4000 years ov age,  
He's just as big a phool as ever.*

A.— A mother's kiss, & a  
⑤ ⑥ ⑦

0	H	History.	SHRIMPS.
1	S	‡ Liquid rain. ②	A man with a very small head
2	G	The violet iz	iz like a pin without enny, very
3	M	blew * showery ②	apt tew git into things beyond hiz
4	T	hark! tis the	depth.
5	W	noble bull	—
6	T	frog's voice ② ③	Thare are menny people in this
7	F	wet ② ③ jews	world who are like flies, grate
8	S	harps diakcovered	bores without meaning it, or know-
9	G	② ③ 1296 ②	ing it, — "shoo fly."
10	M	now plant	—
11	T	gardin sass ② ③	Falling in luv iz like falling into
12	W	② Cupid born 95	molassis, sweet but dredful dobby.
13	T	look out	—
14	F	for some	When i see an old man marry a
15	S	wetness ② ③	ying wife, i consider him starting
16	G	Cupid is a lytle	out on a bust, for i am reminded
17	M	cuss ②	ov the parable about mixing nu
18	T	set out onlons ②	wine into old junk bottles.
19	W	sumwhat wetty ②	—
20	T	② now hath the	A lie iz like nitroglycerine, the
21	F	winter of our dis-	best judges kant tell when it iz a
22	S	kontent ② gentle	going tew explode, and skatter a
23	G	showers ② finally	muSS.
24	M	thawed out ② look	
25	T	out for rain ② no	
26	W	kards ② it dus rain	
27	T	② Daniel Lambert	
28	F	was very	
29	S	phatt ②	
30	G		

### *THE MELODIUS CAT.*

The cat hath been called a domestik animile but i never could tell whyfore. All thare iz domestix about a cat iz, yu kant loze one; they are as tuff to loze az a bad reputashun iz. Yu may send one out ov the state done up neatly in a meal-bag, and the next morning yu will find him along side ov the kitchen stove redde tew be stepped on. They are az sollum az Mozes, but az phull ov the devil as Judas Iskariott Esq. Thare iz only one thing about a cat that i like, and that iz, they are very reasonable; a little money, well put, will go a grate way in cats. Cats are very plenty in this world just now I counted 18 from mi boarding house windo, one moon lite nite last summer, and it want the best kind ov a nite for cats neither.

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### *FAMILY NOSHUNS.*

To pick out a tender goose, pinch him, and if he squeals, buy him.

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To make good sharp pickles, whittle oph both ends ov them tew a pint.

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To find how fur a frog kan jump, set a Frenchman to meazureing hiz jumps.

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To git the affectashun out ov a man, make him sea sick, (when a man iz sea sick he iz inclined tew thro up all phoolish things).

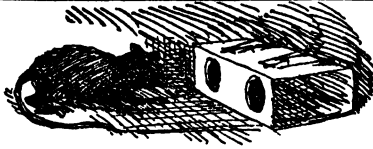


There is nothing so hard for  
us to understand, and so  
easy, for others, as that  
we have fiddled our time  
out.  
Kindly yours. Josh Billings



There is no man so poor  
but what he can afford  
to keep one dog,— and I have  
seen them so poor, that  
they could afford to keep  
three. J. Ballinger



31 Days.		MAY.		1871.
Q — What was the name of Shakspear's dog? Q				A — Dog-Berry: Q
		<p><i>Now plant oats and gardjn sass, Yoke geese, and black snakes kill; Set hens; set traps for thieving rats; Set what you please, but don't set still.</i></p>		
* 8		History.	PICKLED TONGUE.	
1 M	♣	Dandylions in	The man who kant find enny thing to do in this world, iz az bad oph az a yerling heifer.	
2 T		market & Soft		
3 W		and barmy Q who	— — — — —	
4 T		will be queen &		
5 F		♣ □ of May	I luv tew see an old person joy- full but not kickuptheheelsfull.	
6 S		mild: it is hard		
7 G		to tell [?] &	— — — — —	
8 M		st. Job was a		
9 T		pashunt man	Don't lay enny certain plans for the fewter, it iz like planting tuds and expekting tew raize tud- stools.	
10 W		refreshing wet II		
11 T		Δ now ketch frogs	— — — — —	
12 F		warm wetness: &		
13 S		Job had biles & more	Thare iz no pashun ov the human harte, that promises so much, and pays so little az re- venge.	
14 G		warmy: tax		
15 M		collektors	— — — — —	
16 T		loafing		
17 W		around ♣ now	Thoze persons who spend all their time watching their simp- toms, are the kind who enjoy poor health.	
18 T		chew lettuce ♣ hot		
19 F		& with rain II		
20 S		pole yuer beans &		
21 G		II wind south		
22 M		g Noah Webster		
23 T		was a good speller		
24 W		Q sudden rain ?		
25 T		st. he had bet-		
26 F		ter spells than		
27 S		Billings & expekt		
28 G		rain sprinkles		
29 M		go in when it		
30 T		rains II		
31 W				

### *THE BRINY CODFISH.*

The codfish iz the fruit ov the oshun, which accounts for their being so salt. They are good eating for a wet day; they are better than an umbreller to keep a man dry. They want a good deal ov freshning before they are eaten, and want freshning a good deal afterwards.

If i can have plenty ov codfish for breakfast, i can generally manage tew make the other two meals out of cold water.

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*[Advertisement.]*

### *MELKISIDEK BREWSTERS LIGHTNING ROD.*

For drawing lightning, theze rods hav grate strength and endurance.

They will draw litening from the uttermost parts ov the earth, or pull it in two.

Yu may bury one of theze rods 10 foot under ground, and litening will hunt till it finds it.

Yu mite az well undertake tew eskape natral deth, or a constable's warrent, az tew eskape litening with one ov theze rods ov yure house.

Buy one ov Melkasidek's rods, and if yu haint got enny house tew put it on, you kan set it up at the forks ov the road, and steal all the litening in the naberhood.

30 Days.

JUNE.

1871.

Q.—What is a good "counter-irritant"? A. Q.



*In this month, more than all the rest,  
Things seem tew jump their very best;  
Carrots and yungones, purp and kitten,  
Like 'Jonas's gourd, are up, and gittin.*

A.—A young dri goods clerk.

A.

H.

History.

PARSNIP STEW.

1 T Now hunt  
2 F for rozes  
3 S warm hotness  
4 G the grasshopper  
5 M iz a burden  
6 T muggy wetness  
7 W natur grows  
8 T natur grows  
9 F let her grow  
10 S now o ho korn  
11 G wet sighs  
12 M now more rain  
13 T more grasshoppers  
14 W born bet 10  
15 T dollars it will  
16 F rain  
17 S pride goes before  
18 G a fall  
19 M exquisite  
20 T rain Jack and  
21 W Gill went up  
22 T the  
23 F hill 1357  
24 S hotter  
25 G Jack and Gill  
26 M cum down  
27 T the hill 1358  
28 W now take it  
29 T  
30 F crazy

A kicking cow never lets drive  
until just as the pail gets phull,—  
it iz jiss so with sum mens blun-  
ders.

Whenever a minister haz  
preached a sermon that pleazes  
the whole congregashun, he prob-  
ably haz preached one that the  
Lord wont endorse.

It aint mutch trubble tew bear  
the pain ov sumboddy else's lame  
back, but tew hav the lame back  
oneself aint quite so stylish.

The man who wont beleave  
enny thing he kant see, aint so  
wize az a mule, for they will kick  
at a thing in the dark.

### *THE FREQUENT FLY.*

The fly iz not only a domestik critter, but a friendly one. How they git born i don't kno, but i hav thought they didn't wait tew be born, but come just az they am. Menny ov them are cut off in the flower of their youth, and usefulness. Sum loze their lives by lighting too near the rim ov a toad's mouth, and fall in when the toad gaps. Thousands find a watery grave, bi gitting drowned,—in milk-cans. Flys morally considered are like other human beings, they wont light on a good helthy spot in a man, not if they can find a place that iz a little raw. I beleave they are ov temprate habits, and altho they hang around grocerys a good deal, i never see a fly the wuss for liquor, büt i hav often seen liquor, that waz a good deal the wuss for flys.

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### *WANTED.*

Wanted, several fust class yung men, with mustash, tew hang around the vestibules ov the different churches in amerika, and stare at the females az they pass out.

Yung men who understand the use ov tobacco preferred.

No yung men accepted who kant stare the brass buttons oph from a military coat, at twenty paces.

This iz a rare chance for yung men ov real genius.

Salary payable weekly.

References exchanged.

31 Days.

JULY.

1871.

Q. — When is a ship as sick  
as her passengers are?



*Hornets now are on the wing,  
Red hot, and crazy for to sting:  
Oh, don't go ni the tarnal knitters!  
For they are sure, and pison hitters.*

A. — When she heaves too.

7	Q	History.	GREEN GOOSE.
1	S	Ice iz king	Every time a man laffs he takes
2	G	hot and warm	a kink out ov the chain ov life,
3	M	Sampson was a	and thus lengthens it.
4	T	strong man very hot	—
5	W	he could lift a	Three skore years and ten iz
6	T	ton & hotter	mans furlo, and it iz enuff, — if a
7	F	with hiz	man kant suffer all the mizery he
8	S	little finger	wants in that time he must be
9	G	& hot increasery	numb.
10	M	now beg for	—
11	T	ice cream	A crowing hen, and a cackling
12	W	thunder shower	rooster, are very misfortunate
13	T	in the west	poultry in a family.
14	F	& the goose iz not	—
15	S	a game bird	Man iz mi brother, and i kon-
16	G	grate	sider that i am nearer related tew
17	M	hotness & mad	him through hiz vices, than i am
18	T	dorgs around & bile-	through hiz virtews.
19	W	ing hot & Noah	—
20	T	had three sons	We should not forgit one thing
21	F	thunder and & t	— thare iz not a sure thing on this
22	S	& listening *	footstool, — even the best tooth
23	G	Noah	in our head may fall tew akeing
24	M	owned the ark	before sunset and hav tew be
25	T	much hot & in	jerked out.
26	W	& Adam's fall	
27	T	& we sinned all	
28	F	Yew bet, & Andy	
29	S	Johnson was a	
30	G	Taylor	
31	M		

### *THE READDY ROOSTER.*

Roosters are the pugilists among birds, and having no suitable shoulder tew strike from, they strike from the heel. When a rooster gits whipped the hens all march off with the other rooster if he aint haff so big, or so han-sum. It is pluck that wins a hen. Roosters az a class wont do enny household work ; yu kant git a rooster tew pay enny attenshun tew a yungone. They spend most ov their time in crowing and strutting, and once in a while they find a worm, which they make a grate fuss over, calling their wives up from a distance, apparently tew treat them, but jist az the hens git thare, this elegant cuss bends over, and gobbles up the worm.

Jist like a man for all the world !

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### *HOUSEHOLD COMFORTS.*

Tew git rid ov cockroaches, — sell yure house, and lot, and flee tew the mountains.

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Tew make a slapjax that will do grate service, — cut it out ov buckskin, and fri it tew a koal black on a greaseless griddle.

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Tew pick out a good husband ! — shut up both eyes, grab hard, and trust in the Lord.

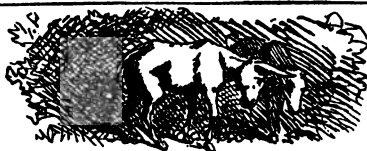
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Tew make a kat mad, — trod on het continuashun.

31 Days.

AUGUST.

1871.

Q.—Why is woman like an  
echo? ♣ ♣

*All nature vileth.  
Roosters pant and so do lizards;  
The mules upon the dusty road  
Kan't raise a frot, to save their gissards.*

A.—Because she will hav  
the last word. ♣ ♣

		History.	GIBLETS.
1	T	warm with ♣	Lazyness iz a good deal like money,— the more a man haz ov it the more he seems tew want.
2	W	& hot streaks	
3	T	Jack	
4	F	the giant killer II	— — — — — It iz hard work at fust sight, tew see the wisdom in a rattle snake bite, but thare are thousand ov folks who never think ov their sins until they are bit bi a rattlesnake.
5	S	much hotness ♣	
6	G	♣ killed a giant	
7	M	1250 ♣ look out	— — — — — "A poor, but dishonest cuss!" — this iz about az low down az enny man kan get, unless he drinks whiskee.
8	T	for a grate hot ♣	
9	W	the giant was 25	
10	T	foot square ♣ ♣	— — — — — Living on hope iz like living on wind, a good way tew git phull but a poor way tew git phatt.
11	F	hot ♣ ♣ in	
12	S	his stocking feet	
13	G	cooler ♣ oh for	— — — — — It iz human tew err, — but dev- lish tew brag on it.
14	M	a lodge in	
15	T	sum vast woods	
16	W	thunder and ♣	— — — — —
17	T	♣ listening ♣.	
18	F	on a straw mat-	
19	S	rass ♣ more	— — — — —
20	G	♣ hotter ♣ now	
21	M	dig for mint	
22	T	juleps &	— — — — —
23	W	gigantik rains ♣	
24	T	♣ let her drizzle	
25	F	very heaty ♣ ♣	— — — — —
26	S	meazles disl overed	
27	G	♣ 1600 ♣ hot	
28	M	makes lively ♣ my	— — — — —
29	T	name iz	
30	W	Normal ♣	
31	T		

### *THE DOOCED MONKEY.*

The monkey iz only valuable tew look at, and wonder what in thunder he iz a going tew do next. He haz not got a Webster head, but hiz face iz a biled down dew drop ov malishus cunning. He resembles the skey terrier in the bild ov hiz features, and skatches his head az natral az the school boy, — and probably for similar reasons: They are sumtimes kept az pets, but if enny boddy should pet me with a monkey, i should send him right back bi the same person who brought him, marked with *Baldwin The Clothiers* trademark, — C. O. D.

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### *KONNEKTIKUT BLEW LA WS.*

1. No man must chu enny tobacko on the sabbath day unless he goes down cellar and duz it.

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2. No yung woman haz a right tew-be had in matrimony unless she kan make a good doe nut out ov rhy bran, and one that will keep a year in a damp place, without loseing its twist.

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3. If a man gits drunk, he must git drunk on Nu England rum.

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4. No man shall be entitled tew work on the road, or set on the jury, who aint handy with the 10 commandments.





If a yung man haint got  
a well ballanced hed, i  
like to see him part his  
hair in the middle.=

Font'ee, Josh Bellings



It is one of the hardest  
things on earth for a man  
to learn, - That he plays a  
third rate game, or whist -  
No doubt, Josh Billings

30 Days.

SEPTEMBER.

1871.

Q.—What is wealth? &amp;



*The carrion crow sits straddle the fence,  
Trying as hard as he can to weep,  
As he thinks ov death and its consequence  
To spavined hosses and rickety sheep.*

A.—Baggage at the risk of the owner. Am?

W	d	History.	CRANBERRY SAUS.
1	F	<i>Exquisit and</i>	Love is like the measles, we kan't hav it bad but once, and the later in life we hav it the tuffer it goes with us. <hr/>
2	S	<i>soft wind</i>	
3	G	<i>melts 2 angels</i>	
4	M	<i>seen bi</i>	
5	T	<i>moonlite</i>	The miser who heaps up gains tew gloat over, iz like a hog in a pen, fattet for a show. <hr/>
6	W	<i>fragrant show- &amp;</i>	
7	T	<i>ers X fust poet</i>	
8	F	<i>born 642 &amp; limpid</i>	
9	S	<i>tenderness @</i>	Most every one seems tew be willing to be a phool himself, bu he kant bear to have enny boddie else one. <hr/>
10	G	<i>cam and cool 2</i>	
11	M	<i>stars twitter &amp;</i>	
12	T	<i>&amp; azure twilight</i>	
13	W	<i>wind sow bi sow</i>	The man who haint got an enemy, iz really poor. <hr/>
14	T	<i>west @ lovers</i>	
15	F	<i>meets 2</i>	
16	S	<i>soft showers &amp;</i>	
17	G	<i>and kiss @ harvest</i>	Advise iz like kastor ile, eazy enuff to giv, but dredful uneazy tew take.
18	M	<i>yure pumpkins &amp;</i>	
19	T	<i>stlick weather</i>	
20	W	<i>hark! from the</i>	
21	T	<i>tombs a doleful</i>	
22	F	<i>sound @ soft wind</i>	
23	S	<i>Tom Corwin</i>	
24	G	<i>waz a wagon</i>	
25	M	<i>boy @</i>	
26	T	<i>tender winds @</i>	
27	W	<i>&amp; on linden</i>	
28	T	<i>when the</i>	
29	F	<i>sun @ waz low</i>	
30	S		

### *THE LOAFING RACCON.*

The Raccon is a native amerikan. His family consists ov one wife, and three children, who liv with him on the inside ov a tree. During the winter he ties himself up in a hard knot, and lays down bi hiz fire side. When spring opens, he opens too, and goes out tew see how the chickens hav wintered. I never knew a raccon tew want enny thing long, that he could steal quick. I hav had tame coons bi the dozen, but i dont advise enny boddy tew cultivate coons ; they want as much waiting on az a blind mule on a tow path, and thare aint enny more real profit in them, than thare is in a stock dividend, on the Erie railroad.

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### *HOME DOINGS.*

Tew freshen a salt mackerel, — tow him one summer behind a steam bote.

—○—


Tew make a man good mad, — starch hiz stockings a leetle too stiff.

—○—

Tew be one ov the "*oldest inhabitants*," remember very well, when yung Nebudkenezzer waz a babe.

—○—

Tew be happy, — eat molasses, and swing on a gate.

31 Days.		OCTOBER.	1871.
Q.—What did Joner do while in the whale's stomach?		 <p><i>Sweet cider now, and punkin pise, And maidens fair, and doughnuts greasy: Who wouldn't be a farmer's boy, So phull ov phun, so free and easy?</i></p>	
		A.—The best thing he did was tew git out ov it.	
⊕	☾	History.	BEEFSTAKE AND ONIONS.
1	G	<i>Gentle frost</i> ☿	Thare aint but phu men who can stick a white hankerchief into the brest pocket ov their overcut without letting a leetle ov it stick out, — just bi acksident.
2	M	*cider invented	
3	T	1536 ☿ <i>sighns</i>	
4	W	<i>ov snow</i> ⊕ <i>wind</i> &	
5	T	<i>shifty</i> ☿ <i>it may</i>	A cheerful old man, or old woman, iz like the south side ov a wood shed, in the last ov winter.
6	F	<i>snow, and it may</i>	
7	S	<i>not</i> Δ <i>calm</i>	
8	G	<i>coldness</i> □ <i>now</i>	
9	M	potatoes dig ☿ <i>wind</i>	Men mourn for what they hav lost, wimmin for what they hain't got.
10	T	& <i>nor</i> by	
11	W	<i>nor west</i> ☿	
12	T	☿ David slewed	
13	F	Goliath	It iz very eazy tew repent ov sins we hav committed, but to repent ov thoze we intend tew commit, iz asking too mutch ov enny man these days. ☿
14	S	cooler ☿ with a	
15	G	small rock ☿ hens	
16	M	begin to lay ☿	
17	T	<i>snow squalls</i> Δ <i>cold</i>	Pitty costs nothing, — and aint wuth nothing.
18	W	☿ let it squall	
19	T	who cares ☿	
20	F	☿ Eve was the	
21	S	first woman ☿	
22	G	<i>raw cold</i> & ☿	
23	M	<i>who footed</i>	
24	T	her man	
25	W	<i>sharp frost</i> ☿	
26	T	mydown with Δ	
27	F	☿ the taxes &	
28	S		
29	G		
30	M		
31	T		

### THE THOUGHTFUL FOX.

The Fox iz a literary bird; he waz a genius long before akedemick honors flourished; he waz a poet, skoller, and sage, before the days ov Homer and Herodotus; and in our times he iz the Ben Butler ov diplomacy, and the Brigham Yung ov matrimonial ethicks. The fox haz no moral honesty but he haz got a grate supply of *politikal honesty*. If another Fox in hiz parish wants a good phatt goose, he will work hard tew git him the goose, and hav- ing cleaned the meat all oph from the subburbs ov the goose, giv hiz politikal friend the bones, telling him with a smile in hiz eye, "*that every thing is lovely and the goose hangs hi.*"

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[Advertisement.]

### MADAM FILKINS LIQUOR FOR BABES.

Cures hooping coff, meazels, pane in the side, mumps, teething, cancer, rickets, redgum, and bawling.

Cures gout, hang nails, *wont go tew sleep*, stummak ake, and *want every thing they see*.

Removes warts, wens, wiggings, an wizenface.

Mothers lament for Madam Filkins liquor for babes.

Babes bawl for it.

Nurses pray for it.

Fathers buy it bi the barrel.

30 Days.

NOVEMBER.

1871.

Q. — What is the finger of the hand?



*The bullfrog has hung up his fiddle,  
The bug and the cricket are still;  
No more can be heard in the marshes,  
The musketo filing his bill.*

A. — Gim-nastick water. Q

Q.	W.	History.	SLAP JACKS.
1	W	<i>Sour and</i> ☉	A dog iz the only thing on this earth that luvs yu more than he luvs himself.
2	T	<i>grate skassity ov</i> ☿ sad m	
3	F	<i>grasshoppers</i> ☿	
4	S	<i>sour and</i> Δ ☿	Lies are like illegitimate children, liable to call a man <i>Father</i> / when he least expekts it.
5	G	<i>chilly</i> ☿	
6	M	<i>Brigham Young</i>	
7	T	<i>born 1818</i> ☿	A gentleman iz a gentleman the world over,— it iz only the loafers that differ.
8	W	<i>cold</i> ☿ Brigham	
9	T	<i>was a youngster</i> ☿	
10	F	<i>snow on the</i>	What men kant do they are very apt tew admire, — they dont criticize a mountain bekause they kant make one.
11	S	<i>mountains</i>	
12	G	<i>☿ in time of</i>	
13	M	<i>peace</i>	Sekrets are cussid poor property enny how; if yu cirkulate them yu loze them, and if yu keep them yu loze the interest on the investment.
14	T	<i>prepare for</i>	
15	W	<i>war</i> ☉	
16	F	<i>raw rain</i> ☉ ☿	
17	S	<i>☿ now lay in</i>	
18	G	<i>a bad cold</i> ☿	
19	M	<i>for winter</i> Δ	
20	T	<i>☿ it snows</i> ☿	
21	W	<i>the festive</i>	
22	T	<i>cockroach</i>	
23	F	<i>has fled</i> ☿	
24	S	<i>☿ winter draws</i>	
25	G	<i>ni &amp; cold and</i>	
26	M	<i>clammy</i> ☿ kats	
27	T	<i>swell with</i>	
28	W	<i>crossness</i> Δ ☿	
29	T		
30	T		

## ***KALKULASHUNS OV A PROGNOSTIX NATUR.***

Whenever yu see a flock ov geese all standing on one leg, except the old gander, and he chawing his cud, look out for a south-west wind tewmorrow, or the next day, or the day after, or at sum fewter time.

Should there be cold weather during Febuary, and should roosters refuse to crow, and the taxgatherer forgit tew call on yu, yu will hav tew trust in Providence, and go it blind, for there aint no man kan prognostix what will cum next.

Whenever dogs are seen travelling around with nothing to do and old maids refuse their tea, and hop vines wont klimb, and grind stuns wont grind, then yu may expekt a lite crop ov oats, and beans wont pay for harvesting.

If the sun rizes in the east, and sets in the west, and the bull frogs sings sams in the marshes, and there aint no pulling hair in the family circle, things are about as near right as yu can git them.

Should there be no dew on the grass, in the morning before sunrise, it iz an infallible prognostix, that there didn't enny dew fall.

Whenever yu see two crows on the railfence, one white and the other black, edging up to each other, look out for a nigger in the wood pile.



31 Days.

DECEMBER.

1871:

Q — What is pity? O —



*Now kil pigs and bucher hens,  
Murder geese and ducks that quack,  
Chop down wood, and sassage make,  
And evenings play — Hylojack.*

A. — Cheap charity. Q \*

Q	H	History.	OYSTER PADDYS.
1	F	thi 1871 has	One ov the fussiest scenes i ever beheld waz two old maids waiting on one sick bachelor.
2	S	about pegged	
3	G	out O	
4	M	bitter cold O O	Revenge iz just az natral to flow az milk, — yu will see little boys club the post that they bump their head against.
5	T	th Homer waz a	
6	W	good poet	
7	F	eggs dredfal	Opinyuns are like turnips, worth just what they will fetch.
8	S	uncommon	
9	G	grate sno storm	
10	M	o Congress iz a	Courage without discredshun, iz like a ram with horns on both ends, he will hav more fights on hand, than he kan do justiss to.
11	T	sitting O O	
12	W	cold but don't	
13	T	hatch out enny-	When yu find a man who iz very solisitus about the welfare ov everyboddy, yu kan safely put him down az one who iz hunting for a misfortune.
14	F	thing O wind	
15	S	north	
16	G	beware of false	
17	M	profits ice is	
18	T	from 12 inches to	
19	W	a foot thick	
20	T	Soloman waz a	
21	F	smart man	
22	S	o sighns ov a thaw	
23	G	he waz a good	
24	M	judge ov the sex	
25	T	colder O the	
26	W	year drops its	
27	F	curtain o the wind	
28	S	moans o farewell	
29	G	my countrymen	
30	T		
31	F		

## LETTER TO FARMERS.

### *Beloved Farmers :*

Agrikultur iz the mother ov farm produce ; she iz also the step-mother ov gardin sass.

Rize at haff past 2 o'clock in the morning, bild up a big fire in the kitchen, burn out two pounds ov kandels, and grease yure boots.

Wait pashuntly for da brake. When day duz brake, then commense tew stir up the geese and worry the hogs.

Too mutch sleep iz ruinous tew geese and tew hogs. Remember yu kant git ritch on a farm, unless yu rize at 2 o'clock in the morning, and stir up the hogs and worry the geese.

The happiest man in the world iz the farmer ; he rizes at 2 o'clock in the morning, he watches for da lite tew brake, and when she duz brake, he goes out and stirs up the geese and worrys the hogs.

What iz a lawyer ?—What iz a merchant ?—What iz a doktor ?—What iz a minister ?—I answer, nothing

A farmer iz the nobless work ov God ; he rizes at 2 o'clock in the morning, and burns out a haff a pound ov wood and two kords ov kandels, and then goes out tew worry the geese and stir up the hogs.

Beloved farmers, adew.

JOSH BILLINGS.

## EXTRAKT OV LETTERS.

*Fredom Senter, Nov. 17th, 1870.*

FRIEND BILLINGS:

Thi Almanax for 1871 waz good for the flesh, az well az for the soul ov man; it fatted me distinktly on the ribs. *I remane thine.*

*Obadiah Broadbrim.*

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MR. BILLINGS:

We shall hereafter embody yure Allmanaxes in our journal.

*Editor of London Athancum.*

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DEAR JOSH BILLINGS:

Enklosed in this letter, yu will find 17 cents for one allmanax; i am poor, and this iz all the money i hav got, and i haint got no live mother.

*Charley Briggs, Jun.*

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DEAR MISSE JOSH:

*Klamburgh, Oktober 30, 1870.*

The lor bles yuse, and yuse allmanaksts for 1871; it made dis chile perspire gratuitussly wid bliss.

Yure cullud person friend,

*Josephene Johnsing.*

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MISTER JOSHUA BILLINGS:

I hav both ov yure 2 allmanaxes for 1870 and 1871, and wish yu would send me bi the barrow yure allmanaxes for 1872 and 1873 and 1874, eksklusive. I will emit the munny in a fu daze. No more now from yure loveing friend, *Jerusha Sheldon*, dauter ov widdo Sheldon, near Spraker's Mill, on the Coshokton pike.

### *HOROSKOPE FOR JANUARY.*

The yung gentleman born this month will remane a bachelor untill hiz 16 year, and will hav kurly hair. He will finally settle down still, and marry for life. Hiz father will be a grate lover ov phast horses. He will liv tew be over 60 years ov age, and die worth about 750 dollars, klear ov awl debt.

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The yung lady born this month will kno how tew pla on the pianner, and nit worsted. She will be a blondy, and be near sited, and fall in luv with grate diffikulty. She will finally git wedded tew the man she marrys, and her whole life will be eazy. If she marrys the seckond time her husband will be a dentist or an alderman.

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### *ADVICE TEW YUNG KLERGYMEN.*

Dont preach the gospel for less than 850 dollars a year, salary payable quarterly in advance.

A congregashun who kant afford tew pay 850 dollars a year, want a missionary more than they do a klergyman.

Be sure and run the church ; don't let the church run you.

Az i sed up at the top, git az mutch ov yure salary az possible in advance, for i dont kno ov enny det so hard tew kollekt az a minister's salary, after it once gits kold.



It is so easy to advise  
another fellow to set down in  
a dentist's chair, and have a  
big double tooth jerked out,  
that I have often wondered why  
we didn't try it ourselves.  
Less so. Look Phillips



I say to 2 thirds of the rich  
people in this world - make  
the most of your money,  
for it makes the most of  
you = Happy Thought = Josh Billings

31 Days.

JANUARY.

1872.

Q.—Who had the best article  
ov pashance? § 2f

*A stirring man iz nabor Bush,  
Yu never ketches him idle;  
Six dase he works, and sundase he  
Salts geese, and reads the bible.*

A.—Job. His pashance was  
bled down to a spot. Δ 4

§	Σ	Kalkulashuns.	RAMRODS.
1	M	Now pik geese ●	Revenge sumtimes sleeps, but
2	T	§ awful	vanity alwus keeps one I open.
3	W	hold II §	— — —
4	F	thou shalt not	Thare iz nothing in this world
5	S	commit	that a man pays so hi a price for,
6	G	swareing 2f	and gits so little ov hiz munny
7	M	Ω □ more sighns	back, as he duz for Repentance.
8	T	ov hold 2f	— — —
9	W	now bruize wood	I hav finally cum tew the kon-
10	F	it iz hold 2f	klushun, if a man kant be born
11	T	Jim	but once, he had better issue pro-
12	F	Sheriden	posals tew hav it dun sumwhare
13	S	born 1818 2f	in Nu England.
14	G	now expekt	— — —
15	M	a thaw 2f	The only human being on the
16	T	Jim	face ov this earth that I really
17	W	waz a	envy, iz a laffing Christian.
18	F	fiddler 2f	— — —
19	S	it dus thaw 2f	Men ov little authority are like
20	G	there are no	men ov little strength—alwus anx-
21	M	fiddlers	ious tew lift sumthing.
22	T	in heaven ●	
23	W	thaw kontinues *	
24	T	in kase ov	
25	F	doubt, lead	
26	S	trumps 2f	
27	G	the thaw freezes	
28	M	now	
29	T	mix	
30	W	savage 2f 2f	
31			

### *HOROSCOPE FOR FEBUARY.*

The man born this month will be good looking, but too mutch prone tew toe in when he walks. He will hav 2 wives, and a small hand, except when he plays whist ; then he will hav a big one. Hiz fust wife will be kross-eyed, but hiz seckond one will be kross all over. He will hav 4 children, who will all pass through the meazles, with grate credit tew themselves and no disgrace tew the meazles.

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The yung female born during this month will show grate judgement in sorting her lovers, and will finally marry a real estate agent. She will hav a phew failings ; but who cares ? she wouldn't be interesting if she didn't. At 28 she will be a widow, and at stated intervals will be inklined tew gush a little. (*For the sake of variety we say, let her gush.*)

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### *A GOOD FAMILY JOB.*

*(To kure bed bugs.)*

Bile the bed bugs tew a gravy ; then take equal parts ov sassyfrass rutes and mingle with the gravy ; then find a hoel in the ground that aint occupied ; then pour the gravy into the hoel ; then fasten up the hoel with 2 pounds ov gunpowder ; then tutch off the hoel with a 10 foot poel ; then run like litening. If this don't kure the bed bugs, and the hoel too, they hav both got it the natral way, and kan't be healed.



Q—What is the surest gait on the road? R



A—A toll-gate.  
Q Q X

*Sim Blodget was an awful brag,  
Always telling sumthing or nuther,—  
“Square Brown and he kept 60 cows!”  
The square kept 59, and Sim the tuther.*

1 T  
2 F  
3 S  
4 G  
5 M  
6 T  
7 W  
8 T  
9 F  
10 S  
11 G  
12 M  
13 T  
14 W  
15 T  
16 F  
17 S  
18 G  
19 M  
20 T  
21 W  
22 T  
23 F  
24 S  
25 G  
26 M  
27 T  
28 W  
29 T

## Kalkulashuns.

✂ Kold, but sharp  
● ♀ When this  
yu see, remember  
me ○ \*  
sighs ov kold &  
now punch  
fires Δ ∞  
weather inkreases  
● ♂ Dave Larkin  
born 1763 ⊕ ♀  
✂ wind north Δ  
Dave Larkin  
waz  
a  
hoss jockey ♀  
snow, mixt with  
kold ∞  
Dave Larkin delt  
in  
saw-hosses ⊕  
kold, but bitter ♀  
♂ Oh! cockroach,  
whare iz  
thine  
sting? ♀  
kold gits more so  
now giv in  
marriage ♀

## THISSELS.

Thare iz two kind ov men that  
i dont kare to meet when i am in  
a grate hurry: men that i owe,  
and men that want to owe me.

Jokes are like butternuts. To  
be good, they musn't be cracked  
flatways.

It iz just az natral tew be born  
poor az tew be born naked, and  
it iz no more disgrace.

Truth iz like the burr docks on  
the end ov a cow's tail: the more  
she shakes them oph, the less she  
gits rid ov them.

I think young coxcombs end  
their lives az old slovens.

### *HOROSKOPE FOR MARCH.*

The man born this month will be inclined tew blow a little. He will be a domestik man, and will kno how to rok the kradle and pare potatoze. He will marry the only daughter of a widdo, and will be a good judge of mothers-in-law. He will die about the usual time in life, and leave a house and lot, with a small mortgage on it. He never will run for offiss but once, and then will git beat.



The woman who appears this month will be an old maid till she is 20 years old, and then will suddenly put a stop tew this kind ov bizzness, by investing in a yung man. She will be a good housekeeper, and kno how tew make a plum puddin, with the plums left out. She will hang on to her buty till she iz about 45 ; after that, she will hav to take her chances.

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#### *[Advertisement.]*

Professor John Spruce (*graduate*) begs leaf tew inform the citizens ov Fordunk village that he will open a school for male yung men, over Nikodemus Bradley's waggon shop, in whitch will be taught the nobel art of chawing gum, in all the hier branches.

*Private lessons* administered tew yung ladiz at their boarding-house. The Professor pledges himself tew teach, in six easy lessons, the gum-chawing science tew a spot.

*N. B.*—*Seckond hand gum alwus on hand, for sale low.*

31 Days.

MARCH.

1872.

Q.—Who iz the champion ov  
lie weights? [X]

*Dame Barker had a yerling hen,  
Who swore she'd set, or raze the dickens;  
The dame sot her on an ear ov horn,  
And razed a bushel an haff ov chickens.*

A.—The Nu Jersey mus-  
keeter. II 77 18th.

Q

A

Kalkulashuns.

CODICILS.

1 F  
2 S  
3 G  
4 M  
5 T  
6 W  
7 T  
8 F  
9 S  
10 G  
11 M  
12 T  
13 W  
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16 S  
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20 W  
21 T  
22 F  
23 S  
24 G  
25 M  
26 T  
27 W  
28 T  
29 F  
30 S  
31 G

♣ Breezy ♣ ♣  
Klam soup diskov-  
ered 1500 ♠  
*sighns ov wind* ♠  
Jim Pettybone  
created 1312 ♣ ♣  
Jim was  
an intemperance  
man [(☺)]  
*mutch wind* ♣  
Jim Pettybone died  
& *wind grows* ♣  
Jim died ov the  
triangular  
lemons ♠  
*fresh, but windy*  
now dig angle-  
worms ♠ ♠  
*wind rises* ♣ ♣  
Lafayette was  
a  
friend to  
this  
land ♠ ♠ ♠  
*wind*  
*inklined tew*  
*be windy* ♣  
Tom Hyer was  
a  
pugilissimus [§§]

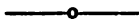
To work iz the grate law ov  
natur. If the woodchuck ever  
dont bild enny hole, he wont  
hav one. It iz true he may steal  
one; but then sum other wood-  
chuck will hav tew dig two.

Thare are folks who dont do  
enny hard work but watch their  
simptoms. I hav saw dogs akt  
just az sensibel. I hav saw a rat-  
tarrier watch the simptoms ov a  
knot-hole in a board-fence all day,  
for sum rat tew cum forth, and no  
rat didnt cum forth.

I alwus did admire the malice  
ov the mule. If a freak ov for-  
tune had made me az misfortunate  
among men az the mule iz among  
animilds, i would begin tew let  
drive at things a mile an a haff  
off.

### *HOROSCOPE FOR APRIL.*

The man born this month will hav a liquid temperament, but not necessarily inklined tew licker. His grate aim will be tew git married; and he will git his bird, bi marrying a butiful and also good-looking wife. They will liv happy az two lambs, and leave one son, whom they intended should be president ov the United States, but who very wisely konkluded tew be a merchant taylor.



The lady born this month will hav blew eyes, and a full set ov teeth. Her heart will be az tender az a porter-house steak. She will keep a lap dorg, who will hav weak eyes, and whose christian name will be Fanny. She will die and leave a bed-quilt, which will go down tew posterity, with upwards of 7 hundred blocks in it.

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[Advertisement.]

### *JOB SARGENT'S KLENSING SOPE.*

Job Sargent, being ov sound mind, and expressly afrade ov the devil, dont hesitate tew say that his klens-ing sope will take the spots oph from everything.

1st. It will remove the spots from a coach dog in 3 daze.

2d. It will take the spots oph from a ten ov dimonds in 15 minnits.

3d. Kan the leopard change his spots?—i answer it kan, bi using Job Sargent's only klensing sope.

4th. Persons ov a spotless reputashun, and anxious tew keep so, will never be without this sope.

5th. Job Sargent never told a lie—so did George Washington.

Q.—What is the fastest trotting-time on record?



*A sloven farmer was old Snyder ;  
He spent his time a drinkin' yder.  
Together he worked a cow and muel,  
And never sent his boys tew shewel.*

A.—I dont know as I have  
8 6 6 11

36	37	Kalkulashuns.	HOOKS AND EYES.
1	M	11 Now sort yure rats 8 6	Yu kant konvert sinners bi preaching the gospel tew them at haff-price. Enny sinner who iz anxious tew git hiz religion in that way iz satisfied with a poor artikle.
2	T		
3	W	<i>sun rain 6</i>	
4	F	sow yure hom-radish 11 6	
5	S	6 <i>hot, but wet 6</i>	Prudes are coquets gone tew seed.
6	S	8 hose-radish iz a smart vegetable 6	
7	G	6 Bill Kurtis	
8	M	born 1749 6 6 6	
9	T	11 <i>sighs ov rain</i> 11	Thare iz no better evidence ov wisdom than tew beleave what we kant understand.
10	W	Bill Kurtis had	
11	T	a	
12	F	wodden leg 11 6	
13	S	<i>mild, but pleasant</i>	Yu will alwus notis one thing : the devil never offers tew go into partnership with a bizzy man ; but yu will often see him offer tew jine the lazy, and furnish all the capital.
14	G	11 now bury beans	
15	M	6 11 <i>warm wet</i>	
16	T	8 beans are a joyful krop 6	
17	W	11 <i>wind soft 11</i>	
18	T	thou shalt not steal	
19	F	6 <i>more wet 8</i>	
20	S	plant pickels	
21	G	for arly cow-	
22	M	kumbers 8 11	
23	T	6 <i>soft breezes 6</i>	
24	W	now lend umbrel-	
25	F	lers 6 8 <i>hot 6</i>	
26	S	now jerk lettiss 11	
27	G		
28	M		
29	T		
30	T		

### *HOROSCOPE FOR MAY.*

The gentleman who invests hiz life in this month will be very quick tempered, espeshily when a hornet lights on him in anger. His mother will set a good deal by him, espeshily when he iz in the kradle. He will hav the mumps very light, and will spend most ov his life intending tew marry, but will die at last with a half dozen old maids on hiz hands. The wash wimmin will remember him az the man who never wore paper collars.

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The lady born this month will fust be a bud, and afterwards a blossom. Her heart will be az full ov twitter as a kanary bird on a perch. She will hav twilight hair. She will hav menny lovers. She will be reasonabel fond ov silk clothes, but her grate joy will be in a bonnet. She will hav az little jealousy az it is prudent for a woman tew hav.

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### *CHOICE OLD RECEIPTS.*

To learn a kat how tew bite—feed her on kat nip tea.

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To remove goose pimples (from a goose)—loose the goose.

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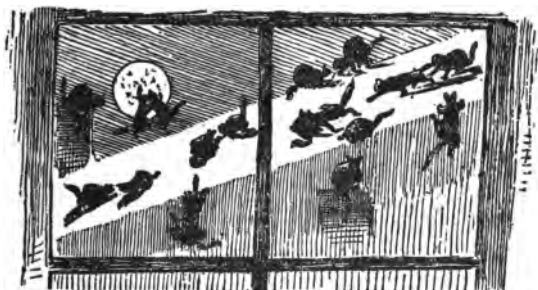
To kure a weak back—lay still for a week ahead.

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To make yure mark—fall out ov a third story windo.

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To ketch a bad kold—lay down on the ground, and watch for it, bi moonlite.



kats are plenty, I kounted 18  
 from mi boarding house window  
 one night last summer.—and  
 it was n't a fast rate nite for  
 kats neither.—

A Sollowin fakt, Josh Billings



one of the most unfortunate  
men in this world - is  
a third rate fiddler. -

Yours warm friend  
Clash Pullings



31 Days.

MAY.

1872.

Q—Who got the fust cane-  
ing? & 8

*Now in the ground hide unyun seed,  
Bury korn, and beets, and lettiss;  
Chuck in sum peas, and lima beans,  
If the arth dont seem tew wettish.*

A.—Abel.  
& 9

Q. 10

Kalkulashuns.

PLUMB PUDDIN.

1 W

xi Now kount yure  
bees ~~12~~

2 T

|| wet showers ||

3 F

expekt grass ~~x~~

4 S

☉ Mary Spalding

5 G

born 1642 & \*

6 M

warm, but sunny

7 T

☉ Mary Spalding

8 W

waz a widdler ☉

9 T

it rain ~~xxx~~

10 F

now plant tud-

11 S

stools

12 G

☉ hot, but cool ☉

13 M

all men were born

14 T

free and equal ~~ti~~

15 W

☉ more warmy ?

16 T

Joner waz

17 F

et bi

18 S

a whale ~~x~~ & ☉

19 G

~~x~~ expekt rain =

20 M

☉ dandylions draw

21 T

ni ~~x~~ ☉ hot

22 W

mildness

23 T

now fall in love ~~xi~~

24 F

☉ warm inkreases

25 S

David Perkins

26 G

waz

27 M

a

28 T

hansum

29 W

man ☉ Δ Ω &

30 T

man ☉ Δ Ω &

31 F

If i waz a-going tew civilize a  
parcel ov heathen (bi the job)  
on sum distant, far off, and re-  
mote ile, i should debate sum  
time in mi mind which tew send,  
an invoice ov dancing-masters or  
missionarys.

Hope haz made a grate menny  
blunders; but thare iz one thing  
about her that I alwus did like:  
she means well.

Most ennyboddy thinks he kan  
keep a good hotel (and he kan);  
but this akounts for the grate  
number of kussid mean ones all  
over the country.

Whenever yu hear a man who  
alwus wants tew bet hiz bottom  
dollar, you kan make up yure  
mind that that iz the size ov hiz  
pile.

### ***HOROSKOPE FOR JUNE.***

The male individual born during June will be one of 7 children, but not the only one. He will hav 3 brothers, and one sister, who will marry a hard shell baptist preacher. He will study law, and enter the profesun with gilt edge prospekts, but his fust klient being a counterfiter, whom he succeeds in gitting clear, and receiving 50 dollars in counterfit money for his services, disgusts him with the bizzness.

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The female who appears on the platform this month will alwus hav cause tew wonder whi she did it. Her father will be a skool teacher, and he will bring her up in the distrikt skool bizzness. At 29 years and six months she will marry, and will be well edukated in the dutys ov a wife, for she will understand Daball's arithmetik, and parseing, just az eazy az falling down the cellar stairs. She will hav but one son, and he will be edukated oph from hiz feet at an early age.

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### ***ANNOUNCEMENT EXTROBNARY.***

*(Advertisement.)*

Phelix Phungus (*dog dokter*), late ov the royal vetenary college, and 12 years in a doggery in the old country, offers hiz services tew the Pordunk people. He kan remove fleas from a dog in 16 minnits; he kan take the krook out ov a dog's tail in 13 minnits; he kan learn a dog tew lie in front ov a fire all day in 12 minnits; he kan tell how fast a dog kan run hitched tew a tin pail in 3 minnits; and kan tell how mutch sassage he will make bi just hefting him. Consultashuns free.

**P. P. D. D. PHELIX PHUNGUS, DOG DOKTOR.**

Q.—Who was the weakest  
man?



*Mary Moore is a farmer's lass,  
She's winsum as a pony;  
The chap who ketches Mary Moore,  
Wont be no kuntry josey.*

A.—Fred Bennett couldnt lift  
his note for fifteen dollars.

by	R	Kalkulashuns	ROOTS AND ARBS.
1	S	& Sweetly warm	8 wont go into 6, and hav
2	G	now grab roses	ennything left over. Menny a
3	M	& frequent wet	yung phellow haz found out this
4	T	John Smith born	bi trieing tew git a number 6 boot
5	W	in the year 4 &	on.
6	T	& slietely hot &	
7	F	John Smith waz a	—
8	S	good investment	There iz nothing a man will git
9	G	warm, but growy	so sick ov az too mutch molasses.
10	M	& John Smith	(Sweet girls, make a note ov this.)
11	T	waz	—
12	W	better than	Prudery iz often like the ches-
13	T	kompound interest	nutt-burr: it duz seem as tho it
14	F	& now imbibe	never would open, but by and by
15	S	fragrance	it yields tew the frost, and lets the
16	G	& bully for John	fruit drop out.
17	M	Smith	—
18	T	warm, but wet	I dont beleave in the final sal-
19	W	& Elihu Burritt	vashun ov all men, bekauze thare
20	T	waz a blacksmith	are so menny kases in which i
21	F	& more rain	kant see how it iz going tew be
22	S	now expekt	made tew pay.
23	G	maiks	
24	M	sighns ov wet	
25	T	moisture	
26	W	Horace Greely	
27	T	iz	
28	F	an	
29	S	editor	
30	G		

### *HOROSKOPE FOR JULY.*

The man mortal who cums tew the scratch this month will be a grate lover ov politikal life, and after menny stormy trips will settle in hiz natiff village a konstable, elektd by 19 majority. He will liv tew be ripe with old age, and hiz posterity will wonder how he managed tew spend a whole life in politiks, and keep out ov state prizon. *(His posterity probably aint aware that a term in state prizon is a good kard tew run for offiss on.)*



The girl born this month will flash like a streak ov yello sunshine. She will be sought after like the balm ov menny flowers. She will hav poetry for breakfast, and spend the rest ov the day on zephyrs and chocalate karamels. The man who gits her for a wife will change into a butterfly, and the two will be seen, sum sweet nite this month, flieing away to the song ov the crickets.

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### *ADVICE TEW YOUNG MEN.*

Dont be diskouraged if yure mustash dont gro ; it sumtimes happens whare a mustash duz the best, nothing else duz so well.

Dont be afrade ov enny thing that iz honarable, and dont forget that the best friend that God haz given enny one iz hiz conscience.

Larn tew wait !—this iz a hard gait for a yung man tew travel, but iz the surest way tew git thare.

If you hav got sum wild oats (and a phew wont spile yu) git them in arly, and sow them deep, so they will rot in the ground.

31 Days.

JULY.

1872.

Q.—Which are two of the  
lost arts? & q

To brake a mule, or yoke a steer,  
Bob Fletcher was a reddy lad;  
He and his mother worked the farm—  
Krewel deth had took away his dad.

A.—Modesty, and good home-  
made bread. & w

P Q

Kalkulashuns.

PICKLED TONGUE.

1 M  
2 T  
3 W  
4 T  
5 F  
6 S  
7 G  
8 M  
9 T  
10 W  
11 T  
12 F  
13 S  
14 G  
15 M  
16 T  
17 W  
18 T  
19 F  
20 S  
21 G  
22 M  
23 T  
24 W  
25 T  
26 F  
27 S  
28 G  
29 M  
30 T  
31 W

21 ☉ Hot ☉ ☉  
now lay in straw  
berries and kream ☿  
☿ wind south ☿  
☿ Frank Stebbins  
was born this  
month ☿ ☿  
☿ more hearty ☉  
\* Frank Stebbins  
waz a hoss-jockey  
☿ now expect  
wet showers ☿ ☿  
☿ Frank Stebbins  
had a lemon-  
colored mare ☿  
☿ hot, but wet ☿  
☿ this mare could  
trot suddenly ☿  
☿ grate heatness  
☿ Abel waz a  
bachelor ☿  
☿ inkreasing  
warmth ☿  
☿ now hunt  
for  
thunder  
and  
lightning ☿ ☿  
☿ hale columbus  
happee land ☿

I look upon the north pole az  
one ov them pekuliar spots ov  
ground: if it aint never found, we  
shant be none ov the wuss off;  
and if it iz found, we shant be  
none the better off.

I kant see what woman wants  
enny more "Rights" for; she  
beat the fust man born into the  
world out ov a ded sure thing,  
and she kan beat the last one  
with the same kards.

The only thing which makes a  
mule so highly respektabel is the  
grate accuracy ov hiz kickings.

Convince a phool ov hiz errors,  
and you make him yure enemy.

### *HOROSKOPE FOR AUGUST.*

The gentleman born this month will hav one eye to the main chance, and the other eye on the collaterals. He will be sharper than good cider vinegar, and will go at a transackshun like a skotch tarrier at a rat hole. He will be az honest az a hornet, and make az few blunders. He will liv tew be old. Hiz wife will die young—tired out trying tew keep up with him.

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The feminine creashuns ov this month will be grate admirers ov the sterner sex. They will fall in luv easy, but will make az phew blunders az enny other wimmin. They will be guided bi the impulses ov their natura, which in most wimmen iz a safer card than their judgments. If I hadnt got one ov the best wives that the world haz yet produced, I should be inclined to ask (humbly) for one ov the *August-as*.

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### *TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONSARN.*

*(Advertisement.)*

Adam Dipthong (chicken champion) invites a discerning world tew peruse hiz egg-dispensing poultry.

Hiz "*Hail Columbys*," crossed on his "*Star Spangled Banners*," iz a hen who, for purity ov step, swavity of plumage, and modesty ov deportment, kant be beat.

Hiz "*Last Rose ov Summer*," hiz "*Merry wives ov Windsor*," and hiz "*Love lies bleeding*," az a style ov poultry, haz no competitors in the whole horizon. His "*Kiss me Quicks*," chastised with a delikate sprinkling ov his "*Meet me bi moon lite alone*," as pullets, hav alwus stood the test; and az roosters, are alwus reddy "tew fite it out on this line" (or enny other) "if it takes all summer."

31 Days.

AUGUST.

1872.

Q.—Who was the first  
brewer? 2 9

*Come, farmers all, both grate and small,  
The fields with yellow grain are wavy;  
Bring out your boys, and laughing galls,  
And make the buckwheat cry Peccovy.*

A.—Satan; he brewed mis-  
chief. 3 6

M	D	Kalkulashuns.	EGG NOGG.
1	T	⊙ ⊙ Hot 2 II	A man whom yu kan hire tew work on a farm for nothing, and board himself, will just about earn hiz wages.
2	F	⊙ Pete Whetstone	
3	S	born 956 2 2	
4	G	2 hotter 3	
5	M	⊙ Pete was a ba- bak rider 2 ⊙	A learned phool iz one who haz read everything, and simply remembers what he haz read.
6	T	⊙ thunder and listening 1 1	
7	W	⊙ Pete rode the fust bear 2 2	
8	T	⊙ hot grows wuss	
9	F	↑↑ now stab	The highest rate ov interest that we pay iz for borrowed trouble. Things that are alwus a-going tew happen, never do happen.
10	S	suckers ↑ → ↑ → ↑	
11	M	⊙ hot with rain ⊙	
12	T	2 kane kilt able 2	
13	W	now expekt mutch warmth 2 2 kane	I hav know people who had so little karakter that they didnt even hav enny phailings.
14	T	was a stunner 2	
15	F	heat prickly . .	
16	S	2 now eat kold	
17	G	vittles 2 heat bites	
18	M	2 O grave! whare	
19	T	is thi viktory? *	
20	W	bigger hot 2 Gen.	
21	T	Jackson was a	
22	F	dimokrat 2 hot 2	
23	S	and now beg for	
24	G	ice	
25	M	cream 2 2	
26	T	2 more henty 2	
27	W		
28	T		
29	F		
30	S		
31	S		

### *HOROSCOPE FOR SEPTEMBER.*

The man born this month will be what iz called a wit. He will be az phull ov wit az a bottle ov ginger-pop. He kant hardly wait to hav the cork pulled out, and when the cork iz pulled out it will take a 2 quart bowl to hold a haff pint ov the phizz. He will make jokes which will be az natral az blunders, and will keep hiz whole family (inkluding the hired girl) betwixt a suprise and a guess. He will hav a house phull of children, who will be the best jokes he perpetrates.

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The lady born this month will be mistress ov the situa-shun. She will hav menny admirers, but will lead them a dusty chase. After a while she will marry, and bekum az serious az a white mice in a wire trap. Her husband will be az proud of her az a third lutenant ov hiz fust epaulettes. Her children will be brought up to toe the mark, and, tho different from all the other wimmin in the naborhood, she will be admired more than reproved.

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### *ADVISE TEW HOSS JOCKEYS.*

Never swop hosses with a deakon—not if yu belong tew the same church he duz.

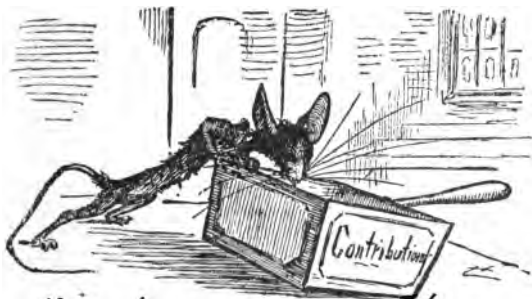
If yu hav got a hoss that you ask 200 dollars for, and are offered 75 dollars for him, alwus sell him; dont spile a good hoss trade for 125 dollars.

If you should, bi acksident, git hold ov a sound hoss, git shut of him az soon az yu kan, for yu wont be happy with him.

If, in swopping hosses, yu git kornered, and kant lie, postpone the trade untill next day.

Noboddy ever expekts tew buy a hoss without gitting cheated; therefore, if a hoss jockey dont lie, he loses one ov his blessed privileges.





Mice can live every where  
just rate except in a church.  
- they fatt very slo in a  
church. - This shows that  
they cant live on religion,  
every more than a minister can.  
Yours. Josh Billings



Whenever i see a real hansom  
 woman engaged in the 'woman  
 rights' bizness, i am a going  
 to take off mi hat, and join  
 the processum. -  
 see if i dont, Losh Billings

30 Days.

SEPTEMBER.

1872.

Q.—Whi iz the menzies like fresh  
mackerel ? ☉ ☿



*Deakon John Jones was a pious man,  
But for one thing I kani lend prase ;  
'Twas asking pardon bekasus he swore,  
When his old ram knocht him end wase.*

A.—They run in schools, and have  
few be knaught before they can  
be had. ☿ ☉

☉

11

Kalkulashuns.

SLUNG-SHOT.

1

☿ Mild, but gentle

I dont know how it iz with my  
brother-man, but with me the fall  
ov the Roman empire iz a grate  
deal eazier tew bear than a fall on  
the ice when it iz wet.

2

☿ Abram Tucker

3

born 1694 ☿ ☉

4

☿ soft winds ☿

5

☿ Abram Tucker

6

fust eat pork and

7

molassis ☿ ☿ now

8

look for rain ☿ ☿ ☿

9

birds with feathers

10

flock together ☿ ☿ ☿

11

☿ it rains ☿

12

☿ now lay in fride

13

oysters ☿

14

☿ very pleasant ☿ ☿

15

☿ John Brown died

16

1861 ☿ ☿ cloudy ☿

17

☿ John Brown

18

died ov the thurt

19

disseaze ☿

20

☿ mild ☿

21

now expekt early

22

cider ☿ showery ☿

23

☿ sighns ov an arly

24

frost ☿ ☿

25

☿ wind east ☿

26

now prepare

27

for

28

country

29

cuzzins ☿ ☿ ☿

30

☿ ☿ ☿

Face all things ; even adversity  
iz polite to a man's face.

Poverty kant be wuss, and may  
be better ; riches kan be better,  
and may be wuss. The differ-  
ence iz in favour ov poverty.

Whenever i see a man anxious  
tew git into the middle ov a fite  
that dont belong tew him, i am  
alwus anxious to hav him, for i  
kno he iz sure tew be the wust  
whipt man in the party.

### HOROSKOPE FOR OKTOBER.

The male man usherd into existence this month will be ov an enquiring mind. The fust thing he will enquire for will be sum good cider. He will studdy divinity at fust, but will quit that and bekum a konduktor on a hoss rule-rode; this pays better, and haz more perquisites. He will marry the woman ov his choice, which iz good, provided the choice iz all right. His hair will turn grey before he dies, but after he dyes he will hav black hair the rest of hiz days.

The woman born this month will be short ov statтуe, and acquainted with grief. She will want a grate menny things, in this world, that aint handy tew be got. She will marry just about the right time, and undertake tew lly with her mother in law, which iz a diffikult kontrakt tew fill. The wimmin born this month are like a rhode island greening, ripen slow, and are most delightful away long into the winter.

### TO LET.

*Enny person having an easy pill to take, that will restore a shattered repushun, without change ov diet tew the pashunt, kan hav this advertising space hily reasonable.*

*Enquire of*



31 Days.

OCTOBER.

1872.

Q.—Where did Adam strike  
when he fell? ☉ ☉

*Bukwheat takes this month lay in,  
Eat freely of pork and sassage;  
These things kind Heaven givs to us,  
Who in this world works our passage.*

A.—On his knees, I hope.  
☿ ☿ ☿

☿ ☿  
1 T  
2 W  
3 T  
4 F  
5 S  
6 G  
7 M  
8 T  
9 W  
10 T  
11 F  
12 S  
13 G  
14 M  
15 T  
16 W  
17 T  
18 F  
19 S  
20 G  
21 M  
22 T  
23 W  
24 T  
25 F  
26 S  
27 G  
28 M  
29 T  
30 W  
31 T

## Kalkulashuns.

● *Kludy, but cool*  
☿ Joel Briggs born  
1837 21  
● *warmer ☿*  
☉ Joel Briggs waz  
a tin pedlar ☿ &  
|| *sighs ov rain* ||  
☿ beware ov grass  
widders & ☿ *snow*  
*on the mountains*  
☿ now count yure  
rats ☉ *sharp frost*  
*last nite ☿ ☿*  
☿ whiskee iz a non  
konduktor ☿  
☿ *snow falls* ☿  
☿ biled sassage  
iz good for the  
tooth ake ☿ ☿  
☿ *wind bracing* ☿  
☿ now enquire  
for cider ☿  
☿ *colder ☿*  
☿ ☿ Enok waz  
translated ☿ ☿  
☿ *frosty ☿*  
☿ \* so  
☿ waz  
☿ Homer  
☿ translated & ☿

## FOOT PRINTS.

If i had a boy whoze hair  
wouldnt part in the middle, i  
would bedew that hair with a  
parent's tear, and then giv up  
the boy.

Hurry and dispatch are often  
confounded, but they are az un-  
like az the habits ov the pissmire  
and the ant.

Thare aint but phew men weak  
enuff tew admit their jealousys ;  
even a disgraced rooster in a barn-  
yard will git a leetle further off  
and begin tew crow up a new  
reputashun.

Cunning, at best, only duz the  
dirty work ov wisdum ; therefore  
I dispipe it.

### *HOROSKOPE FOR NOVEMBER.*

The gentleman born this month will be a hard worker, but phond ov old wine. He will forgit tew pay sum ov his debts, but will hav a blue eye, and be a good singer. He will marry between 18 and 45, and be an excellent judge ov hash on toast. He will liv a grate length, and reach deth by a cirkuitous route.

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She who cums tew see us this month will be az wel-kum az a dandyion in the buzzum of winter. She will be a dutiful dauter, a warm-barted sister, a tender mother, and a handsum wife—(Kind Heaven! send us az menny ov this sort az convenient.)

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### *ADVICE TEW YUNG DOKTORS.*

Hire an offiss on the main street of the village, and stay in the offiss.

When yu do go out, alwus go on the jump.

Dont never talk mutch on enny subjek, but alwus look kussid misterious.

Seldum go tew church, but when yu do, alwus leave before the church duz.

Charge everyboddy like thunder and litening.

If yu pholler these rules clussly, and don't suckceed, yu kan kum tew the konklushun that the doktrine bizz-ness ain't so good as it waz last year.

30 Days.

NOVEMBER.

1872.

Q.—Who was the best-preserved woman that ever lived? ○ 4

A.—Lot's wife.  
○ ○ 6

*Jane Lovell was a farmer's wife,  
A wife was she with having, too;  
For when Jane Lovell rooled up her sleeves,  
Things round that hous begin tew flew.*

⑥ 1 F  
2 S  
3 G  
4 M  
5 T  
6 W  
7 T  
8 F  
9 S  
10 G  
11 M  
12 T  
13 W  
14 T  
15 F  
16 S  
17 G  
18 M  
19 T  
20 W  
21 T  
22 F  
23 S  
24 G  
25 M  
26 T  
27 W  
28 T  
29 F  
30 S

## Kalkulashuns.

6 Sour, but kold 8  
 3 remember Lot's  
 wife ② 1 raw,  
 but sour 3  
 Δ Lot's wife was  
 the psalt ov the  
 earth ①  
 111 more sour 8  
 8 all good wifes are  
 111 more raw 8  
 12 Adam Sturgis  
 born 1853 7 windy  
 13 Adam Sturgis  
 was a twin 8 &  
 14 rain, mist with  
 snow 3 ② now  
 psalt sheeps ②  
 5 wind bights Δ  
 multiplika- 00000000  
 shun table 00  
 discovered 00000000  
 1215 8 00000000  
 more kold ①  
 the multiplikashun  
 table iz hard tew  
 beat 0 ②  
 ① sour rain 111  
 11 Bill Adams was  
 a free mason 3

## TIT BITS.

A dandy in love iz in just about  
 az bad a fix az a stik ov mollassis  
 kandy that haz begun tew melt.

The meanest kind ov a loafer  
 iz he who iz willing tew be abuzed  
 by every one for the privilege ov  
 abusing others.

Curiosity had twins; one was  
*Invenshun*, the other was *Stick-  
 Yure-Nose-Into-Things*.

Deth iz an arrow shot into a  
 krowd; the only rezon whi it hit  
 another iz bekauze it missed us.

Arly genius iz like arly cab-  
 bage: it dont apt tew hed well.

### *HOROSKOPE FOR DECEMBER.*

The man born this month will hav a sanguine temperament. He thinks he iz in luv with every woman he meets, and wont git married till late in life. When he duz git wedded, he is a-going tew wed a woman who haz been playing the same game he haz—falling in love with every man she meets. They are both ov them going tew git cheated the wust way.

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The girl born this month, tho late in the season, is a-going tew ketch up before she gits through. She wont remane single, and iz a-going tew be a leetle diffikult tew manage double. She will see Naples, but iz too smart to die right off on that account. She will admire menny men, but will love but one, and that iz her husband. If her husband iz smart enuff to know this, they will travel through life like a pigeons.

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### *SIMPLE REMIDIZ.*

Tew kure the bight ov a krab, soke the krab's feet in bileing hot water.

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Tew find the kontents ov a gallon ov whiskee, multiply a pint ov fusil ile bi 8 pints ov Venice turpentine.

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Tew kure the gout, liv on Boston krackers, and saw wood for 25 cents a kord.

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Tew make a goose good eating, bring her up tenderly.

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Tew keep kats from being et up bi rats, muzzle the rats.



31 Days.

DECEMBER.

1872.

Q.—How did robins git their name? *q d s*

*The farmer leads an easy life,  
12 hours a day ends his labors,  
Evenings pares apples for cider sass,  
Or hauls over the coals his nabors.*

A.—By robin cherry-trees.  
*q d s s s s*

<i>q</i>	<i>q</i>	<i>Kalkulashuns.</i>	<i>GIN AND MILK.</i>
1	G	○ △ Kold and	How fast will the “coming
2	M	snowsoms <i>u</i>	man” probably travel? I kant
3	T	■ Yankee doodle	tell to a dot; but if he kant beat
4	W	born 1659 ●	2.25, he better stay whare he iz.
5	T	● mutch kold <i>q</i>	—
6	F	* Yankee doodle	A man with a phew branes iz
7	S	still livs <i>x</i>	like a dog with' one flea on him—
8	G	snow 60 foot deep	dredful oneazy.
9	M	▽ Yankee doodle	—
10	T	iz	Be humble, and yu are sure
11	W	a lively cuss <i>u</i>	tew be thankful; be thankful, and
12	T	△ grate kold □	yu are sure tew be happy.
13	F	■ now hammer	—
14	S	out oats ●	The more yung ones in a fam-
15	G	(○) holder [□]	ily, the eazier they are tew raize.
16	M	expekt sla rides <i>q</i>	One chicken alwus makes more
17	T	<i>q</i> sharp, but kold	klucking for a hen than a dozen
18	W	⊕ thou shalt	duz.
19	T	not	—
20	F	covet thi nabor's	Blessed iz he who kan pocket
21	S	jackass <i>s</i>	abuse, and feel that it iz no dis-
22	G	<i>u</i> snow inkreases	grace tew be bit bi a dog.
23	M	⊕ now murder	
24	T	hogs <i>s</i>	
25	W	— wind shifty —	
26	T	<i>q</i> now tear up	
27	F	wood <i>u</i>	
28	S	< big kold >	
29	G	— the grass hopper	
30	M	haz fled <i>s</i> & <i>q</i>	
31	T		

### AGRIKULTIBUSS.

1st. Skarsity beets are the hardest kind ov beats to beet ; their grate skarsity makes them beet all other kind ov beats.

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2d. Turnups should be planted near the top ov the ground, if yu want them tew turn up good.

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3d. Egg plants iz good, but eggs sot under a stiddy hen will produce more chickens than they will tew plant them.

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4th. Potatoze are gennerally a helthy krop, but they are liable tew hav weak eyes.

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5th. Cowcumbers do the best in a lot bi themselves ; it aint best tew cumber up a kitchen gardin with cows.

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6th. Oats will gro on sum warm land, but tew yield well they hav got tew be thrasht ; it iz jiss so with beans, only beans has got to be poled fust, and thrasht afterwards.

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7th. Rye duz the best on a dry and thirsty sile, espeshily old rye ; too mutch water will drown out old rye.

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8th. Tud stools will do well on a wet earth ; so will tuds ; but woodchucks must hav a gravelly sile.

## *SUM WEATHER.*



### *SINOPSUSS OV PROGNOTIKATED EVENTS.*

The byrometer will rize very sudden this morning at Pordunk, 3 foot, and fall the like amount at Sakramento City. The diffikulty in the weather for the last 2 days, which haz predominated at Boston and around New Orleans, waz owing tew the byrometer at Pordunk being took down and sent tew the blacksmith's shop for repairs.

Clear weather haz existed at Goose kreek, and north-west ov Montreal, with a growing tendency tew wind gustiness.



## *PROBABILITIZ.*

Ambrozial weather will permeate all around Pordunk for the next 16 months, with rain and snow ; and all sorts ov stuff in the ballance ov the United States of America.

The probabilitiz iz that the abuv probabilitiz will assimilate themselves tew the principal probabilitiz in the case.

If they don't, du notiss will be giv.

In the mean time be kalm, be dignified, and don't be skeered.

## ***JANUARY MISCELLANY.***

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### **ARIES, THE ZODIAK RAM.**

Aries is a latin ram. He is komposed ov wool all over, and horns in front. How Aries, the ram, got into the zodiak bothers me to this day, but he probably jumpst in out ov sumboddys back lot. This is all owing tew bad fences. Aries waz born soon after the diskovery ov this world by Kaptain Kook, the perambulator. Since the days ov Aries the hydraulic ram haz been born, a very hard ram tew fleece. Aries haz the post ov honor among the signs in the zodiak, and presides over the head ov the human anatomy. This iz a just kompliment tew hiz kapa-city for putting a hed onto things. Aries, the ram, tho he haz no literary pretenshuns, haz made menmy brilliant hits in hiz day.

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### ***TO MAKE GOOD MILK PUNTCH.***

Take one quart ov red cow's milk.

Strain all the water out ov the milk.

Puntch the milk severely with santy cruize rum.

Ramify it well with white sugar.

Koruskate sum nutmeg on the brow ov it.

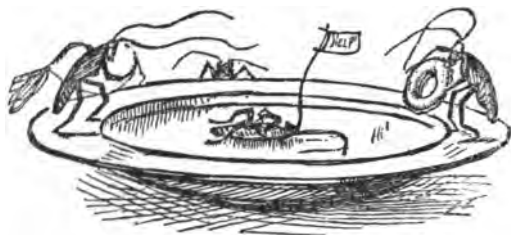
Drink tew the Amerikan Eagle standing.

(This recipee haz been in the Billings family going on 300 years, and iz designed for one person, and always hits the mark.)



The Hornet is a red hot  
child or natur, and has  
a bizness end to him.—

Respectfully, Josh Billings



The cockroach dont liv on what  
he eats, but what he kan git  
into, and often finding him  
ded in mi soup, i har come  
to the konklusum, That he  
kant swim, but that he kan  
float for a long time = Josh Billings

31 Days.

JANUARY.

1873.

Q.—What would be a good motto for a taylor? &amp; &amp;



Joel Briggs was born down east,  
His hight was 6 feet 2,  
His panterloons was striped,  
And hitched beneath his shu.

A.—Let her rip.  
H Δ ‡

		Diagnosis.	KODFISH BAWLS.
1	W	8 Bitter hold &	The intimacys ov old age seem tew konsist in drinking yung hison tea together, and comparing gouts and rumatizms.
2	T	2 now &	
3	F	the dog	
4	S	quaketh & &	
5	G	sighs ov thaw m	One ov the most reliable prophets i kno ov, iz an old hen, for they don't prophecy enny egg, untill after the egg haz happened.
6	M	now the	
7	T	kat	
8	W	shivereth & &	
9	T	8 & ekspekt hold ●	I kno ov folks who are so kondem kontrary, that if they should fall into a river, they would want tew float up stream.
10	F	:: now the snow	
11	S	snoweth . . & II	
12	G	& kolder but	
13	M	" raw □	Politeness iz not only the cheapest, but the most powerful argument I kno ov.
14	T	now	
15	W	the	
16	T	crow	
17	F	croweth & & &	Money well spent iz well invested.
18	S	7 wind north Δ	
19	G	⊙ & now the	
20	M	tarrier	
21	T	tareth &	
22	W	::: more snow :::	
23	T	δ Ω now the	
24	F	flea fleath m &	
25	S	< kolder still >	
26	G	● now the	
27	M	spark sparketh ●	
28	T	ekspekt a thaw ● δ	
29	W	→ Jake Disbrow ←	
30	T	‡ died 1824 ‡	
31	F		

## FEBUARY MISSCELLANY.

### TAURUS, THE ZODIAK BULL.

One ov the best behaved animiles in the whole zodiak is Taurus the zodiak bull. He is alwus laying down flat sunning himself. He dont hav ennything tew employ hiz mind with only in fli time. Fli time iz alwus a bizzy time with Taurus. The bull down here nowdaze iz a sour headed old codger who goes swareing up and down the turnpike about sumthing, but in the daze ov Virgil he had golden horns, and poetry in hiz veins. Menny folks hav asked me what on earth they wanted a bull in the zodiak for, and i hav always sed, it waz just az necessary az tew hav bulls in Wall street. This always seemed tew satisfy their questions prodigiously. Taurus governs the nek in the signs ov the zodiak, which haz giv rise to that tender, and klassikal sentiment, called "*bull necked*."

### PERSONALS.

Dear One.—Enklosed please find 10 Dollars—if you  
kan. RICHARD.

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Kum home ! kum home ! mi dear husband, i freely for-  
giv yu for all i hav did. BETSEY.

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Waz the lady in blue, who trod on the gentleman's toe  
in gray, in the 8th avenew kars last frida nite corned, or  
waz it the toe that waz corned?—References exchanged.

PEDRO.



28 Days.

FEBUARY.

1873.

Q.—Who fust struk ile?

Q  
Q  
Q

*Joel Brigs a pedlar was,  
A pe. is ov renoun,  
He delt in tin ware and sitch,  
And druv from town tew town.*

A.—Joer.  
Q  
Q  
Q

		Diagnosis.	KREAM PUFFS.
1	S	171. ② Goose yokes	If i had 4 fust rate dogs i would name the best ov them "Doubtfull," and all the other 3 "Useless."
2	G	fust discovered	
3	M	1651	
4	T	Kold and	
5	W	shivery 171	Take all the phools and good luk out ov this world, and it would bother the rest ov us tew git a living.
6	T	2 2 Jane Brown	
7	F	born 1826 171 ②	
8	S	② Snow falls	
9	G	Miss Jane Brown	Thare iz az mutch difference between wit and humor az thare iz between the ile and the essence ov peppermint.
10	M	waz a	
11	T	woman's righter 171	
12	W	② much holdness	
13	T	171 now pan out	Whiskey friends are the most unprofitable ones i kno ov, they are alwus reddy tew drink with yu, but when yu git reddy tew drink with them, they aint dry.
14	F	slapjax ②	
15	S	171 big sno storm	
16	G	Pete Murdok	
17	M	died 952 171	Ridikule that aint true haz no partikular power.
18	T	very raw 171 &	
19	W	(†) Pete Murdok	
20	T	died ov a	
21	F	broken harte [(††)]	
22	S	sour rain 171	
23	G	Pete Murdok broke	
24	M	his harte tricing	
25	T	tew lift a	
26	W	meeting house ② *	
27	T	171 more kold ②	
28	F		

## MARCH MISCELLANY.

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### CANCER, THE ZODIAK KRAB.

Cancer iz a hard sheld krab, and haz 2 sets ov leggs, which are lokated on the starbord side ov their pussons. Cancer travels on hiz muscle, and thare aint no individual sighn in the zodiak ov hiz size kan whip him. I hav studded the krab clussly, and et him sloly, and I dont kno him yet. Crabs bight with their feet, and hang on like the rumatiz. Biled krab is good but a man must eat them bi the day, he would starve to deth eating them bi the job. Krabs are kaught bi tieing a knot onto the end ov a string, and dropping it down into the water where the krab iz, and when yu haul in the string, perhaps yu hav krab, and perhaps yu hav knot. This iz the way a grate menny things in this world are not kaught. In the zodiak Cancer rules the brest. I should rather hav a blister plaster in mi buzzum than a krab or a cancer.

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### WANTED BI A MIDDLE AGED MAN.

Enny one having a helthy goose, ov good moral karakter, will hear ov a purchaser by addressing *Solaman Wainscote, Pordunk P. O.*

The goose must be broke tew eat grass.

One that knoze how to lay 2 eggs a day prefered.

If the goose should be a leetle tuff, no matter.

What we want iz a smart goose, no kussid phool goose wanted.

31 Days.

MARCH.

1873.

Q.—Who iz the greatest hero  
ov modern times? [M]

Once his hoss had been a nag,  
A trotting nag at that,  
But now he was a peller,  
And enny thing but phatt.

A.—Josh Ward, herced a mile  
in 4 minutes. 24 \*

D	D	Diagnosis.	HO KAKE.
1	S	Tooth piks	A phools money iz like hiz branes—very oneazy.
2	G	fust used	
3	M	1190 119 4 11	
4	T	* 1190 119 4 11	Thare iz this difference between a <i>jest</i> , and a <i>joke</i> —a jest may be kruel, but a joke never iz.
5	W	1190 119 4 11	
6	T	1190 119 4 11	
7	F	1802 119 4 11	Sins are the only things that i repent ov, i never kould make enny thing repenting ov blunders.
8	S	1190 119 4 11	
9	G	1190 119 4 11	
10	M	1190 119 4 11	Human knowledge iz not very komprehensiv after all,—i hav seen men who kould kalkulate an eklipse tew a square inch, who couldn't cum within 30 foot ov harnessing a hoss.
11	T	1190 119 4 11	
12	W	1190 119 4 11	
13	T	1190 119 4 11	Flattery iz like ice kream, we want it a leetle at a time, and often.
14	F	1190 119 4 11	
15	S	1190 119 4 11	
16	G	1190 119 4 11	
17	M	1190 119 4 11	
18	T	1190 119 4 11	
19	W	1190 119 4 11	
20	T	1190 119 4 11	
21	F	1190 119 4 11	
22	S	1190 119 4 11	
23	G	1190 119 4 11	
24	M	1190 119 4 11	
25	T	1190 119 4 11	
26	W	1190 119 4 11	
27	T	1190 119 4 11	
28	F	1190 119 4 11	
29	S	1190 119 4 11	
30	G	1190 119 4 11	
31	M	1190 119 4 11	

## *APRIL MISCELLANY.*

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### **VIRGO, THE ZODIAK VIRGIN.**

One ov the best preserved females ov the age iz Virgo the Virgin. She dont look an hour older than she did in the spring ov 1818 when i fust saw her. Virgo haz lite blu eyes and yellor hair, and i should esteem her to weigh about 117 pounds. Virgo haz menny admirers, and report sez, she haz had menny good trades offered her (one waz a duke) but she deklines matrimony. I congratulate her spunk. If she haz got a good lone hand i like to see her play it, even if she gits ukered. I hope Virgo will remain whare she iz for life, for she iz the only sign in the zodiak that i love tew witness. Thare iz one thing about Virgo that pleazes me wonderful, and that iz, when the grecian bend waz raging on earth, and crooking most all the other wimmin, she never bent a bit. Halle-lujah ! for Virgo.

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### *TO KONTRAKTORS.*

The widdo Betsey Brown will receive proposals sealed at her residence No. 86 Hopvine St. for the next go daze. Kontraktors must state their best offers.

Diagrams of the widdows looks kan be had at the above No.

The widdo reserves the privilege ov refusing all offers.

The highest Bidder gits the worm.

Agents needn't applikate.

30 Days.

APRIL.

1873.

Q.—Whi iz the kodfish like a  
sailor ?



'Twas Joels way I stop his kart,  
At every hous and shop,  
Fust tew tell a bit ov nuse,  
And then propose tew swoop.

A.—Because he iz an old salt.

30	HT	Diagnosis.	SLAP YAX.
1	T	Q Ht Grecian bend	When a man measures out glory
2	W	revived 1864	for himself he alwus heaps the
3	T	sighns ov spring &	haff bushel.
4	F	— — — the	— — —
5	S	cockroach cometh	
6	G	up like a flower	
7	M	liquid rains	A man may mistake hiz tallent,
8	T	frogs now	but he kant mistake hiz genius.
9	W	warble x •	— — —
10	T	sweet winds	
11	F	now the goose	
12	S	skreameth	It is only a step from cunning
13	G	wind sow east	tew dishonesty, but it iz a step
14	M	bi sow	that a man iz liable at enny time
15	T	now bury	tew take.
16	W	onion seed	— — —
17	T	smart showers	
18	F	ov wet	Thare seems tew be a propriety
19	S	Mars waz	in all things—late experiments in
20	G	Juno's fellow	New York city hav proved the
21	M	very warm	fact, that religion in a rat pit iz a
22	T	all natur	failure.
23	W	stands on tip toze	— — —
24	T	more showers with	
25	F	sighns ov rain	Style iz every thing for a sinner,
26	S	now lift lettiss	and a leetle ov it wont hurt a
27	G	* o the pilgrim	saint.
28	M	fathers	
29	T	whare am they ?	
30	W		

## MAY MISCELLANY.

### SKORPIO, THE ZODIAK SKORPION.

Next to the hornet, the skorpion seems tew me to be pretty mutch all ded loss. I never had mutch faith in enny kind ov a kriter who waz bilt only tew bite. Skorpions do the best in a hot naberhood. If a man should take all the skorpions in the world up into the northern part ov Nu Hampshire he would loze money on them. They wouldn't thaw out thare in time for bizzness. I never hav seen 'a skorpion only in the zodiak, and i aint sorry for this. If thare should ever be a fite in the zodiak i hope it will be krab and skorpion. This would be a fite in which no one would care whitch whipt. I kant tell yu just now how the skorpion got aboard ov the zodiak, but bi looking at hiz piktur i should say he stood 2 good chances tew do it, one waz tew enter hed fust, and the other waz to change ends and go in that way.

### FOUND.

A maltese soprano kat, about 12 months old, singing old hundred on a picket fence, late last thursda nite, whichever person owns sed kat will find him (or her, according tew circumstansis) in a vakant lot, just bak ov our hous, still butiful in death.

### ALSO,

Found an old blew kotting umbrel worth nothing, in place ov a nu silk one worth 12 dollars and fifty cents, if the person who lost the blew kotting umbrel bi finding the other one, hasn't had time enuff yet tew repent ov hiz blunder, 60 days longer will be granted him tew weep over the ackcident.



Yung man, dont be a fraid to blo  
yure own horn, but dont blo  
it in front of the proeeshun,  
go to the rear and do it,=  
Yure uncle, Josh Billings.=



The reputashun that a man  
gits from hiz ansestors, often  
wants az mutch altering to fit  
him, az their old clothes would.=  
It iz truly thus, Josh Billings.=



31 Days.

MAY.

1873.

Q.—What is a blunderbus?



*Joel would swap for enny thing,  
Tin ware for rags, or brass,  
Jews harps for kate, brooms for beans,  
Wood bowls for apple sass.*

A.—Kissing the wrong woman. @ X

Q. S

Diagnosis.

KOLD SLAU.

1 T Lap dogs  
2 F diskoverd 1310 & &  
3 S @ @ @ mild and  
4 G tender & @  
5 M & Kaptin Kidd  
6 T was a  
7 W pirate † † † †  
8 T plaintive showers  
9 F @ Kaptin Kidd  
10 S sailed he did [[††]]  
11 G & soft wind X  
12 M @ Δ now mux  
13 T in the  
14 W garden X † † †  
15 T @ Horace Greeley  
16 F born 1812 †  
17 S wet rains † † †  
18 G \* @ now prepare  
19 M for dandylions †  
20 T & wind south &  
21 W Horace Greeley  
22 T iz a Tribune @ @  
23 F † nobby showers  
24 S & now sarch  
25 G hens for eggs @ &  
26 M @ warm and pretty  
27 T @ & frogs have  
28 W come soft winds  
29 T † † Homer was  
30 F quite a poet † † †  
31 S

I don't kno az i want to bet  
enny money, and give odds, on  
the man who iz alwus anxious tew  
pra out loud every chance he kan  
git.

A reputashun for happiness  
wants az mutch looking into az  
a reputashun for honesty.

When a man duz a good turn  
just for the phun ov the thing, he  
haz got a grate deal more virtew  
in him than he iz aware ov.

Next tew the man who iz worth  
a millyun, in point ov wealth, iz  
the man who don't kare a kuss  
for it.

Self-made men are most alwus  
apt tew be a leetle too proud ov  
the job.

## *JUNE MISCELLANY.*

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### **KAPRIKORNUS, THE ZODIAK GOTE.**

Kaprikornus the zodiak gote iz a sheep with hair on him, and kan eat enny thing he kan swallow if it chokes him. They infest all over kreashun, but are thikker in the upper part of Nu York citty ackording tew popula-shun than otherwise. Their principal bizzness is tew fite, and giv milk, they average about a quart ov milk, and four knokdowns a day. They kant klimb a greast pole, but kan kleep up the side of a rok az natral az a wood-bine kan. They hav a krak in their foot, and also one in their voice, and a mustash on their bottom lip. Aries and Kaprikornus are the two butts ov the zodiak. In the zodiak Kaprikornus governs the kneeze, and people born under this sighn are apt tew be knok kneed.

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### *LOST.*

A bright bay poodle dorg, 5 dollars reward, ov a warm natur, and no questions asked, with one white foot behind, will be paid for hiz return, when he stole away, with flowing ears, or waz strayed by sumbody, answers tew Christopher Kolumbust, with a brass collar, exchange papers please coopy, and haz a frantik tale.

30 Days.

JUNE.

1873.

Q.—How menny skruples in  
one dram. ʒ

*His kart waz a karavan,  
Piled hi with every kind  
Ov dikker yu kould name,  
Besides sumthin hitched behind.*

A.—This depends upon who takes  
the dram. ʒ

my	A	Diagnosis.	KNUT KAKES.
1	G	☹ Now snatch	Silence iz one ov the lost arts.  — — —
2	M	⊙ cowcumpers	
3	T	<i>sighns ov hotness &amp;</i>	
4	W	⊙ Mark Twain	
5	T	born 1839 ʒ □	When yu strike ile stop boring ; menny a man haz bored klean thru and let the ile run out at the bot- tom.  — — —
6	F	⊙ hotter ʒ	
7	S	Mark iz a mello	
8	G	* kuss ʒ	
9	M	ʒ <i>showers ov rain</i>	Human happiness iz like Jos- eph's coat, a thing of menny col- ours.  — — —
10	T	Ω money iz tite &	
11	W	ʒ <i>more warmer</i>	
12	T	Venus waz a	
13	F	hansum woman ⊕	Sin in the soul iz like a slivver in the flesh ; mortifikashun iz the natral way tew git rid ov it.  — — —
14	S	⊙ <i>mutch wet</i> ⊙	
15	G	ʒ now dig	
16	M	for strawberrys	
17	T	<i>gentle wetness ʒ</i>	Love often changes coquetry to sense, and prudery to sillyness.
18	W	✕ Job Potter died	
19	T	1856	
20	F	<i>sighns ov thunder</i>	
21	S	& Job Potter died	
22	G	ov death ʒ ⊙	
23	M	<i>more hotly</i> □	
24	T	ʒ now reap	
25	W	asparagrass ʒ	
26	T	ʒ moist	
27	F	<i>wetness ʒ</i>	
28	S	expekt	
29	G	muskeetoze. ʒ ʒ	
30	M		

## *JULY MISCELLANY.*



### PISCES, THE ZODIAK FISHES.

Pisces are the only two fishes we hav enny account ov who hav bin able tew swim on land and not tutch bottom. It iz now over 4000 years since they cum ashore and took lodgings in the zodiak. It haz alwus been a fish-bone ov kontenshun among the natral philosophers whether they belong tew the kodfish, or the sucker family. I hav bin asked mi opinyun on this topick a 100 thousand times, but hav alwus maintained grate solemnity on the subjekt. It is alwus mi way when i dont kno nothing about enny thing, to look learned, and smile wisdom. Mi private opinyun iz, that pisces iz a pikerel, or a porgy, or a perch, and weighed originally about 9 pounds, but i dont want to bet on this. I kant tell whether Pisces would bite on an angleworm or not, but i think thare iz sum law aginst fishing in private ponds. Pisces iz a game fish, but what hiz game iz i dont kno, but probably hi lo Jak, or draw poker.

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### *EPITAFF.*

Here she lize—the queen ov pize,  
Aunt Sally Ann Von Blixen,  
Apple, and mince, kustard, and quince,  
She couldn't be beat in mixen.



Sakred this spot—stir her up not—  
Her grace all lay in pi fixen,  
Better sa i—go without pi,  
Than wake up this old vixen.

31 Days.

JULY.

1873.

Q—What breed ov hens set  
the best? ♀ ♀



For 50 miles round about,  
When Joel cum along,  
The wimmin all tur ned out,  
For swopping mity strong.

A—Those without legs  
♂ ♂ 174

♂	♀	Diagnosis.	KORN BREAD.
1 T		○ ○ Kod fish	
2 W		balls invented	When a man gits tew talking
3 T		1620 ♀ ♂ ♀	about himself he seldum fails
4 F		✕ ♂ ♀ sighns ov	tew be eloquent, and frequently
5 S		head ♂ ♂ ♀	reaches the sublime.
6 G		Elizibeth Spooner	
7 M		born	—
8 T		1365 ♀ ♂ ♀	
9 W		☞ warm showers	The owl iz remarkable for two
10 T		Elizibeth Spooner	things, gravity and stupidity.
11 F		had the	—
12 S		meazles ♀ ♂	
13 G		* warm but hot ○	
14 M		Elizibeth Spooner	
15 T		had the	Integrity in youth iz almost
16 W		meazles	certain tew bekum wisdum and
17 T		very thick ♀	honor in old age.
18 F		♂ ♀ ♀ sighns ov	—
19 S		thunder △ □	
20 G		174 ♀ ♂ now	
21 M		wean goslins ♀ ♂	
22 T		☞ ♀ it rains ♀	When a man iz thoroly lazy he
23 W		Old dog Tray	iz good for nothing, only to shoot
24 T		died 1492 ♀ ♀	at.
25 F		☞ expekt litening	—
26 S		now butcher	
27 G		watermellons ♂ ♀	
28 M		☞ intense hot ♂	Most people prefer the stuffing
29 T		☞ Daniel Webster	to the goose,—the word for the
30 W		studdid law & ♀	idee.
31 T			

## AUGUST MISSCELLANY.

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### AQUARIUS, THE ZODIAK WATERMAN.

Aquarius duz the sprinkling pot bizzness for the zodiak. He kan be seen enny klear day up in the zodiak laying the dust which the other zodiakers kik up. He iz a quiet old gent about 5 foot 6, and wears a wool hat, and a bull's eye watch. Who hiz ansestors waz no one kan tell. He iz an old bachelor now, but they tell me, up in the zodiak, that he alwus takes the most pains when he sprinkles in front ov Virgo. Thare iz a tradishun in Por-dunk, that Aquarius was once a tempranse lekturer, but gitting too thin for the bizzness waz translated, and sot to sprinkling in the zodiak. Aquarius haz charge ov the leggs among the sighns in the zodiak, and i notis that water iz better for the legs than sum other fluids i know.

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### EDUKASHIONAL.

#### CLASS IN BOTANY STAND UP.

*Teacher.* What kind ov a bird iz a Heron?

*Skoller.* A herring iz a small fish, az full ov bones az a fine tooth comb.

*Teacher.* To what genus duz the Kat belong?

*Skoller.* The musikal genius, they *lay* around daze, and chant around nites.

*Teacher.* Which iz the wizest fowl?

*Skoller.* The owl sir, bekause he hoots at most things.

*Teacher.* What kind ov fish are plentyest in market during dog days?

*Skoller.* Smelts sir.

*Teacher.* Class in botany may set down.

31 Days.

AUGUST.

1873.

Q—How menny geese duz it  
take to make a flock? g o

*Sheep skins, goose yokes, and frying pans,  
Basswood cheese from Goshen,  
Bob sleds, brass rings, and bears ile,  
Wax sum ov Joels noshuns.*

A—One would satisfy me.  
@ 3, 6

11	g	Diagnosis.	MILK TOAST.
1	F	⊙ Now pluck	Suckcess iz quite often like falling oph from a log, a man kant alwus tell how he kum to did it.
2	S	peaches 11	
3	G	∞ grate hotness ∞	
4	M	Andy Johnson born	
5	T	1812 8	—
6	W	* hot grows 2	
7	T	Andy waz a man	
8	F	ov much	
9	S	policy @ 2	Most enny boddy thinks they kan be a good phool, and they kan, but to play the phool suc- cessfully, aint so natral.
10	G	thunder and blizen	
11	M	‡ now bull frogs	
12	T	rejoice ∞ wind	
13	W	south Ω ∞	—
14	T	⊙ II hot grows	
15	F	bigger 11	
16	S	Julia Pragg born	
17	G	Ω 1830 ∞	I wouldn't undertake tew kor- rekt a man's sektarian views enny quicker than i would tell him which road tew take at a 4 cor- ners, when i didn't kno miself which waz the right one.
18	M	∞ wind shifty	
19	T	Julia waz a laun-	
20	W	dress ∞ 8 hot	
21	T	wind	—
22	F	Ω now the duk	
23	S	quaketh ∞ 3	
24	G	⊙ much hotly 11	
25	M	δ behold the	The truly great are alwus the eazyest tew approach.
26	T	δ grasshopper 11	
27	W	2 sum lightning	
28	F	11 love	
29	S	lies	
30	G	bleeding 11 11	
31	G		

## *SEPTEMBER MISCELLANY.*



### **SAGITTARIUS, THE ZODIAK BOMAN.**

Sagittarius iz the William Tell ov the zodiak. He kan hit an apple on the top ov Virgo's hed 200 paces oph, and not only halve the apple into quarters, but knok the seeds 27 different direkshuns. He wins the cigars at all the target excursions in the zodiak. In shooting at a muskeeter once who had lighted onto the tail ov Leo, he aimed a leetle too delikate, and dekapitated the dorsal extenshun ov Leo. This waz looked upon bi all the other phellows in the zodiak az a supplementary shot. Leo waz laid up in the horsepittol for 6 months, but hiz codicil gru out about 2 foot more than it waz before. Sagittarius iz the comik genius ov the zodiak, and on fourth of Julys shutes pennys oph from a stik, injun fashion. In the zodiak sighns Sagittarius oversees the thighs, but for what I dont seem tew kno.

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### *FOR IMMEJIATE ADOPSHUN.*

A mail child, Eleven months old, well broke tew the bottle, 9 teeth kut, lite sunset hair, without spot or blemish, no parents ov enny ackount, hard tew kry, dont bite, shows sighns ov genius, and haz had wackshination.

Enquire within.





I never question a success  
enny more than I do the  
right or a bull dog to lie  
in hiz own gateway.=

no I dont, I ask Billings.=

The difference between a mistake, and a blunder.



When a man sets down a poor umbrella,  
and takes up a good one, he makes a mistake.  
but when he sets down a good umbrella, and  
takes up a poor one, he makes a blunder.  
Excuse haste. Josh Billings

30 Days.

SEPTEMBER.

1873.

Q.—When dux a fly git badly stuck?



*When puter knives went oph slo,  
Foel waz a kunning kuss,  
He could just turn to and swoop  
An old hoss dredful cluss.*

A.—When he fools with mol-  
hassia. It O

⑥	21	Diagnosis.	STEWED PRUNES.
1	M	* It iz fall	
2	T	☿ warm but ten-	After a man haz got a fust rate
3	W	der	opinyun ov himself the next best
4	T	☿ now the leaves	thing tew hav iz the good opinyun
5	F	fall	ov others.
6	S	☿ butiful weather	
7	G	☿ Sam Jones	—
8	M	born 1900 ☿	
9	T	☿ m, mild but	Heaven iz ever kind tew us, she
10	W	lovely	puts our humps on our backs so
11	T	☿ Sam Jones	that we kant see them.
12	F	was a	
13	S	clam hunter ☿	—
14	G	☿ warm rains	
15	M	☿ now the	Wise men hav but fu confidents,
16	W	hog	and cunning men, none.
17	T	rooteth ☿	
18	F	☿ smoky weather *	—
19	S	now the	
20	G	Jackass warbleth ☿	I think i am about right when i
21	M	☿ ☿ sighns ov	say, that all things which do not
22	T	frost	korrupt are innocent.
23	W	☿ ☿ now	—
24	T	the hen clucketh ☿	
25	F	☿ ☿ it wants tew	
26	S	rain	
27	G	Galen was	Be yee humble before God,—
28	M	a	but resolute before men.
29	T	doktor. ☿ II ☿	
30	T		

## *OCTOBER MISCELLANY.*

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### **LIBRA, THE ZODIAK SCALES.**

Sixteen ounces to the pound wrongs no man. I dont want enny better evidence that things are strikly on the square in the zodiak than the fakt, that they keep a pair ov skales up thare, and they are alwus level. Thare iz a grate deal ov native honesty in a pair of skales. When i begun life, i looked upon every boddy az honest az a pair ov skales, but the skales hav dropt oph from my eyes since, and i begin tew look upon things more az they am. I look upon every man now az strikly honest, who kan prove it. I want honesty weighed out to me just az i do mi sassage, 16 ounces tew the pound. Honesty that lacks an ounce in every pound aint worth a kuss. The ounce that iz lacking iz just what beats us. In the zodiak concern Libra holds the reins over the anitomikal hoss.

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### *THINGS THAT KAN BE DID.*

One ov the smartest things a man kan do, iz to drink peper sass.

One ov the safest things a man kan do, iz to ride a saw hoss.

One ov the surest things a man kan do, iz tew slip up on the ice.

One ov the lazyest things a man kan do, iz tew eat soup with a fork.

One ov the longest things a man kan do, iz to long for perfekt happiness.

One ov the handiest things a man kan do, is to giv hiz note for go daze.

31 Days.

OCTOBER.

1873.

Q.—Whiz is a lie called a  
yarn? Q Q II

'Tis the fate ov kunning men,  
Ofttimes tew pla the fule,  
So with Joel when he swoopt  
Horses for a balky mule.

A.—Because it iz dubble and  
twisted. § so X

W	?	Diagnosis.	HAISTI PUDDIN.
1	W	Δ ☼ Whiskey	Thare aint nothing that iz a sure kure for lazyness, but i hav known a seckond wife tew hurry it sum.
2	T	invented 1612	
3	F	☿ frosty Ω Δ	
4	S	whiskey iz	
5	G	very proud'	It iz the suprizes ov life after all that give it its zest,—even a rat makes things interesting bi the natral suddenness with which he cums out, or goes into hiz hole.
6	M	spirited ● 24 ☼	
7	T	☿ sharp frost &	
8	W	☉ ☼ ♀ now	
9	T	shuv checkers ☉ ☉	Real good lies are gitting skarse.
10	S	☿ snow flurrys	
11	G	☿ Col Peapod	
12	M	born 1500 ☿ ☼ *	
13	T	Col Peapod	The greatest problem ever given tew man to solve, and the one which he haz made the least pro- gress in, iz "know thyself."
14	W	waz a	
15	T	Korporal ☿ ☿ ☿	
16	F	☿ ☉ wind sharp	
17	S	☿ ☉ now	
18	G	lay in	
19	M	yure winter	
20	T	kats II & & ☼ □	
21	W	☿ rain ☿	
22	T	☿ Kats are a	
23	F	kumfert ● ☿ cool	
24	S	☿ ☿ frogs quiet	
25	G	☿ wind north 24	
26	M	☉ cider haz	
27	T	cum ☿ it rains	
28	W	Diogonese lived in	
29	T	a barrrel ☿ ☉ now	
30	F	chonk apples ☿	
31	F		

## NOVEMBER MISCELLANY.

### LEO, THE ZODIAK LION.

Leo iz the only real lion that haz been allowed tew run around loose among folks. Thus far he haz abstained from human flesh. Thare iz a report in the zodiak that he and Taurus had sum words about 15 thousand years ago, but i kant git hold ov the fakts in the case. Leo was born in the smart little village ov Numidia in the state of Africa, ov unknown parents, and iz now 260 thousand years old. Leo will probably end hiz days in the zodiak, and i hav looked at Leo's piktur in the zodiak gallery and dont hesitate tew rekomend him az a good job for all in search ov a disinterested lion. The lion iz like an aukshioneer in one respek, hiz grate strength lays in hiz jaw. In the sighns ov the zodiak Leo akts on the heart, and this ackounts for the human heart being so tuff. Next to the gizzard, the heart iz the tuffest piece ov meat in the whole human kritter.

### EXAMININ A PORDUNK VALLEY RALE RODE KONDUKTOR.

*President.* Have yu a gold kronometer worth 300 dollars?

*Konduktor.* Not mutch!

*President.* Do yu keep a trotter?

*Konduktor.* Not enny!

*President.* Hav yu enny dimond rings?

*Konduktor.* Nary!

*President.* Do yu own a fiteing dog?

*Konduktor.* Nothing ov the sort!

*President.* How much bank stock have yu got?

*Konduktor.* Not a red!

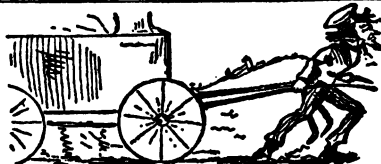
*President.* We shant want yu,—the Pordunk valley rale rode haz got done furnishing konduktors with these things.

30 Days.

NOVEMBER.

1873.

Q.—What did Adam and Eve weigh when they left Paradise?



*He sold the mule for 3 dollars,  
Worth ov honey in the comb,  
Then got himself between the shafts,  
And hauled the waggin home.*

A.—They weighed ankor and haint dropt it since. &amp; 9 Q

Q		Diagnosis.	LAM CHOPS.
1	S	2 2 now	Whenever yu see a dokter who alwus travels on the run, yu kan bet he iz out ov a job.
2	G	ketch kold 0 0 0	
3	M	raw but sour	
4	T	dough nuts	
5	W	found 1590 11 2 10	It iz a grate deal eazier tew be a philosopher after a man haz had hiz dinner, than it iz when he dont kno whare he iz a going tew git it.
6	T	more sour 0	
7	F	vinegar invented	
8	S	1262 0 & 10	
9	G	1 sour inkreases	Wit without wisdom iz like a song without sense, it dont please long.
10	M	1 10 1 lemons	
11	T	had 856 0 10 sour	
12	W	enuff 2 11 8 0	
13	T	10 Lazarus	I dont bet on prekoshus children, the huckelberry that ripens the soonest iz alwus the fust tew decay.
14	F	waz	
15	S	a	
16	G	poor man 10 11 10	
17	M	0 0 signs ov	The bulk ov mankind are mere imitators ov poor originals.
18	T	snow 10 hash	
19	W	fust mixt 1645 10	
20	T	kold wetness 10	
21	F	0 11 10 now fri	
22	S	sassage 8 10 holder	
23	G	11 10 thanksgiving	
24	M	threatens 8 11	
25	T	rain and sleet 11 10 10	
26	W	10 0 be wise	
27	T	and yu	
28	F	will know	
29	S	sumthing 10 10 10	
30	G		

## DECEMBER MISCELLANY.

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### GEMINI, THE ZODIAK TWINS.

I have asked several literary people if they would tell me whoze two children the Gemini waz, but they all shook their heds, and begun tew whissell. Maybe they thought i waz a kondem phool. I would just like tew know all about this. Thare iz 2 things in this life for which we are never fully prepared, and them iz twins. The zodiak twins are a kuppel ov nice little phellows, if their piktur aint mistaken on the subjekt. I never hav saw them only in their pikturs. Twins are two very interesting acksidents tew happen in sumbody elses family, but one twin at a time suits me the most. In the zodiak sighns, the Gemini akt on the arms. I have alwus noticed that when a person haz twins the sighns are in the arms.

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### CLASS IN METAPHISICKS STAND UP.

*Teacher.* Which iz the most stubbornist animile?

*Skoller.* The klam, he wont budge a bit!

*Teacher.* Who iz the most open gaited animile?

*Skoller.* The swine, he kan open enny kind ov a gate!

*Teacher.* Which iz the most sure footedest animile?

*Skoller.* The mewel, he kan hit a man twice in a seck-ond 10 foot oph.

*Teacher.* Who iz the most foolishhest animile?

*Skoller.* The goose, he dont kno enuff to go in when it rains.

*Teacher.* Class in metaphisicks may set down.



31 Days.

DECEMBER.

1873.

Q.—What is the hardest thing  
a man can do? ♣ ♠ ♢ ♣



*His wife (God bless her) went out tew push,  
And learn whi this was sutch,  
Joel dropt a tear, and sed,  
"Hannah! I've swopt once tew mutch."*

A.—I end samboddy else's  
baby. ♣ ♠ ♢ ♣

		Diagnosis.	BROOK TROUT.
1	M	✕ The fust	The principal importanse ov a mistry iz the mistry itself,— what makes a ghost so respectt- able a karakter iz, that noboddy ever saw one.
2	T	flea kaught	
3	W	1210 ¼ ♣ ♢	
4	T	♢ bitter hold ♢	
5	F	♠ ♢ the flea	
6	S	got away ♢ ♢ ♢	—
7	G	♀ it snows ▽ now	
8	M	assasinate hogs ††	
9	T	♣ Rachel Blood-	
10	W	good born 1813	
11	T	♢ ♢ the hold is	Affektashun alwus looks well in a monkey.
12	F	hold ♣ II ♣ ♠ ♣	
13	S	♠ ♢ Rachel	
14	G	waz a	
15	M	spinster ♣ ♢ *	
16	T	△ ♠ kolder ♠ ♢	—
17	W	♢ Rachel	
18	T	♢ Rachel	
19	F	spun yarns ♢ ♢	
20	S	♢ ice 2 foot thick	
21	G	on the level ♣ ♣ ♢	Trieing to define love, iz like trieing tew tell how yu kum tew brake thru the ice,—all yu know about it iz, yu fell in and got ducked.
22	M	sumwath kolder	
23	T	□ ♢ ♢ now	
24	W	attak buk wheat	
25	T	kakes ♢ ♢ ♢ ♢	
26	F	♣ awful hold	—
27	S	♢ ♢ hot	
28	G	lemonade	
29	M	diskoverd 1306 ♢	
30	T	ℳ expect snow ♢, ♢	
31	W	♢ Good-bye ♢	A wize man never enjoys him- self so mutch, nor a phool so little, az when alone.

*SIGHS AND WONDERS FOR THE  
YEAR 1874.*

Whenever yu see a yung man hanging around a kornet groseery, and drinking 3 cent gin every time he kan git enny boddy tew ask him, yu kan make up yure mind that he haz bin unanimously nominated for the stait prizon, and will probably git his eleksyun.

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Whenever yu see an old goose setting on a post hole, and tricing tew hatch the hole out, yu kan cum tew the konklusyun that she is strikly a one idee goose.

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Whenever a forlorn kat gits under yure windo, in a hot nite, and begins tew holler, yu may kno that kat wants sumthing.—killing, probberbly.

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Whenever yu see a dog stop suddintly, in the road, with a flee onto him, and begin tew flea round, and round, after himself, untill he falls down, and rools over, yu will say tew yureself, that dorg iz like the wicked, he fleas, when no man perseweth.

## *OIL OF KONSOLASHUN.*

The "Josh Billings Allminax" is one ov our tex books,  
at the Fordunk Feminine Institoot.

*Mrs. Charity Skidmore, A.M.*

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Medisin Book—Ugh!!

*Spotted tail, Chief ov the Pawnees.*

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Full ov thought, full ov pathos, full ov phun.

*John Brace, L.L.D.*

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It's a big thing, bi Jupiter.

*Billy Murdok.*

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How spontaneous! How pathetic! How preponder-  
ating! How!—How are yu Josh!

*Doktor Blake.*

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Oh yu peaky thing, Josh! yu are too killing.

*Sally Ann Sprauge.*

## *ADAM BILLINGS.*

### *HIZ MEMORANDUM.*

Adam Billings waz the fust ov the Billingses. He waz verry phatt. Little did he dream ov the glorious krop that waz a going tew spring up from hiz sowing. He waz born, az near as i kan figger, about the year 1200, more or less. Hiz temper iz represented az being az even az the figger 2. Hiz habits were az pure az the mountain dew; he never drinkt enny spiritous rum, nor root elevators. He went barefutt untill hiz 32d year, and ever afterwards luv'd the naked futt. He waz a good danser, and realized thoze blessed old shake downs, now gone and fled. He waz named after the original Adam, and iz sed, bi them who remember them both, tew resembl him mutch in the kast ov hiz face. He waz too fond ov the marvelous, he wouldn't tell a lie exackly, but he could cum az near tew it, az a swallo kan to a frog's noze, when they skim a mud puddle. Adam Billings iz now ded, i beleave, but if he aint, and this should meet hiz eye, he kant, i think, but admire the square manner in which his luvely relik haz handled his case. Adam Billings didn't leave much reputashun behind him, but what he did leave, is fair tew middling. We nee'r shall see him more. Probably not. Too true. Rather melankolly than otherwise.

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### *MORAL.*

Thare iz naut so hard for grief tew handle,  
Az the man whoze ribs are phatt 's a kandle.

Josh Billings, and the Yung Man.



Yung Man, dont kry for spilt milk,  
but pik up yure pail, and milking  
stool, and go for the next Cow. =  
Yures affekshionately, Josh Billings

Ite Boots =



There iz only one thing that can  
be sed in favour of Ite Boots.  
— they make a man forgit all  
his other sorrows. = Josh Billings.

31 Days.

JANUARY.

1874.

Q.—What iz ginger pop?

Q  
A  
Q  
A  
Q  
A

*In Pordunk town there lived a man,  
A man ov small posseshion,  
Hezekiah Birch was his name,  
A teacher bi profeshun.*

A.—Gimnastic water.  
A  
Q  
A

t

e

Kronology.

KINDLING WOOD.

1

T

s Q New hold

Snobs are alwus toadys.

2

F

weather u m

3

S

m haz froze m

4

G

Q -Q the tender

5

M

bull frog &amp; y m

6

T

\* Q up solid

7

W

o o II and the

8

T

melodious goose

9

F

iz hush m

10

S

s in stillness

11

G

o o and the

12

M

old she kat s

13

T

o dreams beneath

14

W

the m s

15

T

cook stove \* and

16

F

the luscious

17

S

slapjax smokes m

18

G

m on the table m

19

M

m \* y and the

20

T

Widow Stebluns'

21

W

s Q wood pile

22

T

grows less o

23

F

every day

24

S

m o II and the

25

G

roze that m m

26

M

o all are praising

27

T

iz not the m

28

W

rose for m s m

29

T

me m or enny

30

F

other man !!! o

31

S

Thare iz no kure for vanity,  
gitting thoroly wet cums the near-  
est to it, for the time being.

## ZEPHENIAH BILLINGS.

### THE MEMORANDUM.

Zepheniah Billings waz a phiddler bi birth and pur-swashun. He also had another natral gift, and that waz tew owe everyboddy. Late in life he quit phiddling, and took up shumaking; but the world lost a good phidler bi the operashun, and got a kussid poor shumaker. Oh! 'tis ever thus. At hiz final deth he owed upwards ov 70 dollars, and hiz leavings konsisted ov one old phiddle, and a pint ov bass wood shupeggs. He would travel on foot 7 miles tew a kuntry tavern, and phiddle all nite at a kuntry bawl for 75 cents, and owe the landlord two dollars and a half nex morning for vittles and drink. Zeph' was an unprofitable man to know, for he couldn't tend an evening meeting, on sunday, without running into det to sumboddy. It waz sed ov him, that he waz never known tew shed a tear or pa a det. He died finally, and i presume he was saved; but he may hav bin lost, for accidents will happen in the uppermost families. He had a cool hed, and a warm harte. Bless Zepheniah Billings, he was a ripe skollar on the phiddle, and could pla "*Tare her down 'Sal,*" and sich dear old sweet-savoured things, klean up tew perfekshun. He haz gone now, allass! allass! but i am prepared tew say, in the language ov another, "Bully for yu, Zepheniah!" All flesh iz grass. So iv'e bin told. Funny. Mutch.

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### MORAL.

To kure the fidgits and calm the bile,  
The phiddle iz like kastor ile.



28 Days.

FEBRUARY.

1874.

Q.—What iz man?

Q  
A  
Q  
A

*For twenty long and weary years,  
He meekly worlt for others good,  
And well he taught the distrik skool,  
Boardin round the naborhood.*

A.—Live dirt.

Q  
A  
Q  
A

W

Q

## Kronology.

## PLUM PITS.

1

G

Now marry Q now

2

M

thrash oats § now

3

T

punch fires 2f

4

W

now ketch rats 2f

5

T

now eat 2f

6

F

hash 2f

7

S

now

8

G

grease boots 2f

9

M

now pla

10

T

checkers 2f now

11

W

sing sams 2f Q

12

T

now chew

13

F

gum [§] now

14

S

[§§] kurl hair (1)

15

G

now mux 2f

16

M

sassage 2f now

17

T

jerk wood 2f

18

W

now kil duks 2f

19

T

(2f) now

20

F

kil time [2f] 2f now

21

S

2f swop hens

22

G

2f \* Q now

23

M

yoke steers 2f

24

T

now tell 2f 2f

25

W

yarns—now

26

T

sign the pledge [2f]

27

F

now go to bed 2f

28

S

2f

Human natur iz like cow natur,  
i hav known them both tew giv a  
good mess ov milk, and then kik  
it over.



I luv a phool, what little i kno  
i hav larnt by hanging around  
them.



Munny makes munny. We all  
ov us take our korn to the rich  
miller tew hav it ground.



Thare iz two kinds ov wize peo-  
ple in this world, the *wise* and the  
*unwise*.

## *JEHOSSAPHATT BILLINGS.*

### **HIS MEMORANDUM.**

Jehossiphat Billings waz a very kluss man ; he never waz known tew waste ennything, by giving it away. The grate extravaganse ov hiz life, and the one he never forgot tew speak ov, waz giving 3 dollars towards bilding the Pordunk meetin hous. After he giv the munny, he took such a deep interest in the work on the metin house, that the kommitty waz obliged tew giv him bak the munny to git shut ov him. He swore he'd sue them for the interest on the munny, but he never did. Jehoss' Billings waz one ov them kind ov men who mistake avarice for ekoneny. He died at the age of 63, if i hav sarched right, from an overdose ov klam chowder drank at a free lunch. Jehossiphatt Billings had his phailings, but reckless extravaganse want among the lot, he also had his virtues, but blind and irrepressible generosity want among this lot neither. He waz buried, without eny fuss, in the year 1286. What 'has bekum ov him I kant state. Sleep on, Jehossiphat, in thi slumbers. I would like tew say sum more about Jehoss', but i kant without telling the truth. Truth iz sumtimes like a hot pertato, the only way tew handle it eazy, is tew drop it. I will dri up here. The end. Hush! Lay low.

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### *MORAL.*

The klusset man i ever knu,  
Waz Deakon Erastus Meggs,  
Tew save expense, he oft would sett,  
Hiz pullets on spile-ed eggs.



## MELKISIDEK BILLINGS.

### HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Melkasidek Billings waz a dandy ov the old skool, and also a lover. He loved the whole entire femail popula-shun. He parted hiz hare in the middle, and did it un-kommon even. He had one grate weakness which grew on him, and that waz the length ov hiz little finger-nale. Historians say that this finger-nale gru tew be a yard in length, but it strikes me that this must be a profound lie. He waz a very punktillious man, in hiz every-day wear, and drest chuck up tew the fashun. Melkasidek hadn't mutch branes, but he didn't need much, for hiz bizness thru life waz the lover bizness. Just before he died he marrid, and left one dauter, a sentimental offspring, who afterwards run away, at the age ov 16, with a dancing master. Mel' Billings waz ov the nuter jender, he hadn't karakter enuff to do enny hurt, and ov kourse couldn't do enny good. He died about the right time, anno dominoze, 1695, and waz buried comfortably in the grave yard, at lower Pordunk town. Melkasidek Billings waz mi ansessor, and that waz kind in him. He had an epitaff on hiz stone which i dont rekolekt ov ever seeing in print before, and for the benefit ov those who studdy theze memorandums i will translate it. "*An honest man is the nobless work ov God.*" Good, aint it? Rather!

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### MORAL.

Dandys are a harmless crew,  
Ov the butterfly purswashun;  
Happy with a nektie new,  
Hero's ov sum small ockashun.

Q.—Define twins?  
II XA.—2 much.  
§ 6 ♣

*In this big, but pekuliar world,  
Not a friend had Heneckiah,  
The boys put pins into his chair,  
And water in his hair diah.*

	Kronology.	QUALE ON TOAST.
1 W	§ Hark @ the	Sum pholks are like kats, so well ballanced that they alwuss strike on their feet when they fall.
2 T	violet cums — —	
3 F	on tip toze — —	
4 S	∩ and the	
5 G	yello dandy ∩ H	
6 M	∩ * lion gilds	Lovers are alwuss definice their extacys, but they are in no better condishun tew do it, than a drunken man iz tew deliver a tempranse lektur.
7 T	the sod @ and	
8 W	krickets kraul @	
9 T	§ ∩ ∩ from out	
10 F	their holes ∩ @	
11 S	∩ and loafers	Silence iz alwus safe.
12 G	seek the sun @ §	
13 M	∩ and dogs	
14 T	∩ ∩ tree kats	
15 W	and frogs begin	
16 T	§ tew jabber §	False praze iz the wust kind ov slander.
17 F	∩ @ and tinkers	
18 S	tramp ∩ and	
19 G	April phool ∩ § ∩	
20 M	∩ grins at	
21 T	every corner @ §	
22 W	§ ∩ and — hark	
23 T	from the tombs &	
24 F	● ∩ a doleful	
25 S	● [!!] sound	
26 G	∩ mine ears ∩	
27 M	attend & § ∩	
28 T	§ the cry ∩ ∩	
29 W	and so forth ∩ ∩	
30 T		

## *SOLOMAN BILLINGS.*

### **HIZ MEMORANDUM.**

Soloman Billings waz born the 26th ov May, 1322, old stile. He waz knone fur and near for hiz chunks ov wisdom, but, like Soloman ov old, he could talk wisdom better than he could do it. This iz the way with all the wize men i hav met lately. Soloman Billings waz a leetle slippery, but he managed tew git thru life without slipping down mutch, and died reazonably well. He waz sed, bi all who knu him, tew be chuk full ov wisdom; he could tell, bi looking at the egg, how mutch a goslin would weigh before it waz born, and when the best time waz tew set a hen or a gate-post. Sol's mouth waz full ov wisdom; litening couldn't strike a tree, just for fun, but what he would preach a moral sermon from the tex. He waz dredful scertain ov what he did kno, and want the least bit unsertain ov what he didn't kno. I find in digging down tew the hard pan ov Soloman, mi ansessor, that he had a grate deal ov vanity, a large amount ov impudense, a good supply ov inkredulity, just the things, for all the world, tew make a wize phool out of. He died az aforesed, and i look bak upon him az one who haz departed this life. Adew, Soloman, mi ansessor. Deth iz tuff. Sumwhat! I will add, quite.

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### *MORAL.*

Wisdom chunks are chunkier far,  
Than all the chunks that chunky ar.

Josh Billings Ultimatum.



The man who can wear a paper  
collar, a whole week, and keep it  
klean,— aint good for enny thing  
else.=  
Less so. Josh Billings.

Josh Billings. and The Bull.



Never take the Bull bi the  
horns Yung Man, but take  
him bi the tale. then yu  
kan let go when yu want to. =  
Sure Warm Friend. Josh Billings



31 Days.

MAY.

1874.

Q.—What is ignorance?

Q  
M  
N

*The skule kommitty made him work,  
(How krewel and unpeehalling,)  
For less than a bartender gits,  
And nary chance for stealing.*

A.—Raw happiness.

Q  
M  
NQ  
M  
N

Kronology.

POP KORN.

1 F vain rooster  
2 S \* splits his  
3 G thut and  
4 M & hope exultant  
5 T spreads her  
6 W downy wing  
7 F and life is short  
8 S but sweet  
9 G and lettiss  
10 M grows apace  
11 T and giv me  
12 W liberry or  
13 T giv me deth  
14 F T and what's  
15 S the matter  
16 G with Hannah  
17 M and hav  
18 T yu heard  
19 W that deakon  
20 F Jones  
21 S has  
22 G lost a  
23 M heifer  
24 T and sich  
25 W iz life  
26 T and wood-  
27 F & man  
28 S spare that  
29 G & tree and

I dont kare what a mans  
kondishun in life iz, if he iz too  
mutch for the kondishun he iz a  
hero.

Avarice iz about the only  
pashun that improves by age.

The truly brave are alwus  
generous.

He whom prosperity makes  
humble and thankful, adversity  
haz no power over.

## *DUTERONOMY BILLINGS.*

### **HIZ MEMORANDUM.**

Duteronomy Billings waz a square man. He waz az square az the bloks on a checker-board. He waz just the same kind ov a man in the fall, az he waz in the spring ov the year; yu didn't hav tew winter him tew find out who he waz. He alwus did az he agreed, but waz dredful bakward about agreeing. Duteronomy waz immense in one thing, and that waz the length ov hiz noze. He had more noze ackordin, than enny man in history. One writer ov the eleventh sentury, sez hiz noze waz 8 inches in length, and another makes it a frackshun over 10 inches; i will split the difference, and call it 7. If Dute' waz alive now, i think he would sustain mi figgures. In writing theze details ov mi ansesstors, i am guided bi a luv tew do a square thing, and if i er, it will be all owing tew mi luk. I never waz right lucky since I had the meazles. They took place in the 14th year ov mi age, when i lived with mi unkle. I had them too thik. Duteronomy Billings waz named after old Duteronomy ov bible times, and az ansesstors run, he waz a very good kind ov a one tew hav. He died az he had lived, exackly square. In konklushun i will say lie still dear Dute', yu hav got a square thing. Thare iz force in the idee. I may add, grate force. Very. Indeed.

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### *MORAL.*

Sum men are oktagon,  
And sum three-sided are,  
'Tis mortal tuff tew find one  
Who iz kompletely square.

30 Days.

JUNE.

1874.

Q.—Define the hen?

Q  
A

*The kivered d'er with sick abuse,  
He never fout agen it,  
The very wuss that Hen' would kuss,  
Was the simple word KONDEMIT.*

A.—A lay member.

Q  
A

	h	Kronology.	KREAM OV TARTAR.
1	M	Can the	Vice makes a man kunning, virtew makes him wize.
2	T	leopard change &	
3	W	□ his name ⊕ waz	
4	T	Norval on the H	
5	F	Grampine hills	The ritch spend their time in kreating wants, the poor in grati- fying them,—the poor are the most sensible.
6	S	⊗ he loved not η	
7	G	wizely but too *	
8	M	⊗ menny ⊕ cooks	
9	T	spile II the braking	The man who iz the most fraid tew die, iz the one who knows least how tew liv.
10	W	η wares dashed ∞	
11	T	hi low Jak ∅ and	
12	F	Ω M the game	
13	S	of brag iz good ⊕	I had rather be a boy again, than tew be the autokrat ov the world.
14	G	⊗ but holdfast	
15	M	iz better ∅ Ω	
16	T	⊕ □ ⊗ late than	
17	W	never too old η	
18	T	Δ to learn Δ	
19	F	⊗ ⊕ the luxury	
20	S	ov doing	
21	G	⊕ good ⊕ bye ∅	
22	M	sweetheart	
23	T	if and George ⊕	
24	W	● ⊗ Washington	
25	T	was	
26	F	the father ∞ ∅	
27	S	× ∞ ov his	
28	G	natiff ∅ ●	
29	M	∅ land ⊕ ∅	
30	T		

## *PORKANBEANS BILLINGS.*

### HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Porkanbeans Billings lived and throve in the 16th sentury. He loved a horse with grate power. He could swop a horse clusser than enny man that imparshall history tells ov. He iz sed tew have swopped Deakon Absolem Featherweight, klean out ov a 5 year old sorrel horse, at one swop, and the deakon waz looked upon az almost insurmountable in a dikker. Not tew disguise the fakt, Porky Billings waz a hoss jockey ov the anshunt daze, one who hung around the village tavern, and alwuss had on hand an old flag-tailed pelter, with a glass eye, tew trade with ennyboddy. I dont feal like bragging ov Porkanbeans az an ansesstor, but i must say, az a horse jockey, (if all reports are trew) i feal proud ov him. I forgot tew state, that Porky left no property. Thare iz a grate deal ov genius in the horse-swop bizness but fu assetts. Porkanbeans died instantly, sumwhare about the fust ov the 17th sentury. He waz struk bi the hind feet ov a mule. Moral karakter even wont save a phello-being from dissolushun, when a mule goes for him with both hind feet at once. Sich iz life. Sich iz the mule. Porkanbeans haz my sympathy, he also haz mi tears, but i dont serpose they will be worth mutch tew him now, he iz too ded. Fairwell old phello-being, fairwell mi ansesstor. Deth iz our porshun. I think i kan say this without making a phool ov miself. Undoubtedly. Yes. Jiss so.

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### *M O R A L .*

Tew swop a horse and not git beat,  
Iz sumthing nice tew brag on,  
I tried it once, and that's the time  
I lost a horse—and waggon.

31 Days.

JULY.

1874.

Q.—Please define a good wife?

M  
Q  
Q

*Dont talk to me ov anshunt job,  
Ov biles he had a plenty,  
But they were all one breed ov biles,  
Leastwise 19 out ov twenty.*

A.—A silent partner in the  
consort. Q 124

Q	Q	Kronology.	SHOOTING STARS. * *
1	W	☉ Grate hot ☉	One ov the eazyest things tew hear ov, and at the same time one ov the hardest tew find, iz a ghost.
2	T	☿ Billy Buckram	
3	F	died 1304 ☿ ☿	
4	S	☿ carry the ☿	
5	G	news to Mary ☿	It iz only a step from lazyness tew vice, and a short one at that.
6	M	* ☿ hotter still ☿	
7	T	i luv it ☉ hot	
8	W	inkreases ☿ ☿	
9	T	☿ ☿ i luv it ☿	Thare iz lots ov people who mistake their imaginashun for their memory.
10	F	still hotter ☿ that	
11	S	old arm chair ☿	
12	G	☿ ☿ awful hot	
13	M	and who shall	Bashfullness that kant be over- come, iz modesty.
14	T	& more hot ☿	
15	W	chide me ☉ cooler	
16	T	☿ ☿ with rain ☿	
17	F	☿ ☿ for luving	
18	S	lightning and	
19	G	thunder ☿ ☿ ☿	
20	M	that ☉ still hot	
21	T	☿ ☿ that ☿ Nancy	
22	W	Dodge born ☉ ☿	
23	T	1786 ☿ old	
24	F	☿ arm chair ☿	
25	S	☿ ☿ wind south	
26	G	mad dogs ☿ ☿ ☿	
27	M	☿ ☿ seen ☿ the	
28	T	boy stood on ☿ ☿	
29	W	☿ the burning dek	
30	T	mutch weather ☉	
31	F		

## *JAMAICA BILLINGS.*

### **HIZ MEMORANDUM.**

Jamaika Billings waz sed bi good judges ov the artikle, tew be the lazyest man that ever visited this world. At the age ov 14 he waz pronounced bi the doktors too lazy tew ketch flies. He waz named after hiz uncle who had a grate speshiality in the jamaika-rum line, and who could float more ardent speerits, on an evener keel, than enny human kraft in thozе daze. Jamaika lived tew a grate extent; sum say that he waz 160 when he died, and sum put it at 142, but all giv in that he didn't di from enny disseaze, but kind ov lazyed tew deth. He waz born tired, and never outgru it. He marrid at 37, but hiz wife left him at the end ov the fust month ov. their nupshalls, taking with her all the pussonell affekts, whitch were a kupple ov cedar wash-tubs, and a seckond-hand buggy harness, brass-mounted. Her fust name waz Polly Ann. They never met afterwards, if they did, history dont kno it. Jamak'e Billings didn't hav enny vice tew speak ov, he waz even too lazy for that. He seems tew hav spent hiz life in hanging around places, keeping ragged and phatt on nothing. He died in Old Pordunk, and i suppoze waz burried, but history dont say so, in jiss so menny words. He waz mi ansessor, but i kant help it. Can I? I hav bin told not. Queer.

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### *M O R A L .*

I never knu, in all mi life,  
Enny man tew go crazy,  
Who alwuss took things setting down,  
And kultivated hiz lazy.

31 Days.

AUGUST.

1874.

Q.—What is a cock loft?

□ ♀ ♂



*But in a distrik skool i kno,  
Each boy's a bile unkonmon,  
And must a diffrent poultiss hav,  
Tew git a hed upon em.*

A.—A roosters hed.

♂ ♀ ♂

H. S.

Kronology.

MUSHROOMS.

1 S  
2 G  
3 M  
4 T  
5 W  
6 T  
7 F  
8 S  
9 G  
10 M  
11 T  
12 W  
13 T  
14 F  
15 S  
16 G  
17 M  
18 T  
19 W  
20 T  
21 F  
22 S  
23 G  
24 M  
25 T  
26 W  
27 T  
28 F  
29 S  
30 G  
31 M

Huge heat ♀ ♂  
♂ David Blair  
born 1818 ♂ ♂ ♀  
♂ hot inkreases  
H David Blair  
was an  
H essence pedlar &  
thunder showers  
now keep ♀  
♂ cool & ♀ hotter  
♂ if enny man  
attempts tew ♀  
♂ more hot ♂  
haul down ♂ good  
♂ hot & the flag  
H red hot ♀ shute  
him on the  
♂ spot & cooler  
now H Bully for  
Dix ♂ ♀ now lay  
♂ ♂ in yure sun H  
strokes ♀ for next  
& winter g it biles!  
Mike Doolittle  
born 1830 ♂ died  
1850 ♂ Mike done  
but little here belo  
nor dun that little |  
♂ long ♂ now  
konkockt juleps ♂

It iz az hard work tew git ac-  
quainted with a haff bred family,  
az it iz for them tew conceal  
their pedigree.

If a man knows himself thor-  
oughly, he iz az wize az he kan  
be in this life.

I luv tew watch the sports ov  
children, they kant be children  
but once, and then but a short  
time.

Hope claims the most, and iz  
satisfied with the least, ov enny  
pashun ov the harte.

## *EKLEEZIASTIKS BILLINGS.*

### **HIZ MEMORANDUM.**

Ekleeziastiks Billings waz a Puritan bi natur and occupashun. He waz az puritan az spring lam soaked in mint saus. Sum ov the most kold and thawless stok in all Nu England oozed from Ekleeze' Billings. He waz kreated nominally in the year 1570, and had hiz trunk packed tew cum over in the May Flower, but didn't cum. He cum over the nex fall, and went immejiately into the pilgrim bizzness. Ekleeziastiks kept a grocery store, and never sanded hiz sugar, nor watered hiz Nu England rum without fust asking tew be forgiv for it. How pure! how lam like! Ekleeziastiks waz very tall, but then he waz very thin; he waz over 6 feet perpendiklar, and not quite 7 inches thru. He weighed 146 with hiz winter clothes and cowhide boots on. He preserved hiz thinity unto deth. He died from eating too mutch garden-truk. How sad! how disinterested! Ekleeziastiks had one virtew which shines tew this day, he waz very saving ov hiz clothes. Hiz best blu koat, with brass buttons on, and a sharp tail tew it, he wore for 18 years, and then kut oph the buttons and had it prest out, and sent it tew the heathen. Ekleeze' waz both a saving and a libral kuss. He lived tew be over 90, and then died game; he wouldn't hav enny doktor. He dispized doktors bills. How touching! Truly. How touchful! Really.

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### *MORAL.*

Blest iz the man who iz partikular,  
And duz all things up perpindikular.  
(Chorus.) Ri fol de rol, ri folderikular.



Josh Billings, and the Twins.=



There iz 2 things in this world  
for which we are never fully  
prepared, and that iz,— twins.=

Less so, Less so, Josh Billings.

Josh Billings on the haff shell.



The man who swallowed the first oyster,  
from the haff shell must have been  
astonished, at the sudden way it was  
down, but I don't believe he was more  
surprized, than the oyster was. = Josh. =

30 Days.

SEPTEMBER.

1874.

Q.—Define honesty?

§ ③ II



*The only kind ov konsolashun  
This man got, aint worth a kuss,  
For 'twas FITTY,—and we all kno  
FITTY is but mild disguss.*

A.—The wag ov a dogs tail.  
○ II ○

③ II

Kronology.

KAPER SAUS.

1 T \* Butiful weather  
2 W elegant weather ④  
3 T ♀ deliteful weather  
4 F superb weather ⑤  
5 S ♀ divine weather  
6 G charming weather  
7 M exquisitt weather ⑥  
8 T emoshional weather  
9 W ♀ gorgeous weather  
10 T \* celestial weather \*  
11 F blissful weather ⑦  
12 S ♂ grate weather ⑧  
13 G ♀ fine weather II - ⑨  
14 M ♂ delishus weather  
15 T heavenly weather ⑩  
16 W ♀ glorious weather  
17 T magnificient ♂ ⑪  
18 F ⑫ weather ⑫  
19 S gushing weather  
20 G w sweet weather ⑬  
21 M exhuberant weather  
22 T ♂ poetick weather  
23 W fragrant weather ⑭  
24 T ♀ luvly weather  
25 F languishing weather  
26 S soft weather ⑮ mild  
27 G weather ♀ bewitch-  
28 M ing weather ⑯ and  
29 T common weather ⑰  
30 W

Genuine wit dont make a man  
laff enny more than logick duz.

—  
Yu kan buy larning, but wit  
and wisdom are the gift ov God.

—  
Energy iz another name for  
kapacity.

—  
Yung men, like grayhounds,  
follow by sight; old men, like  
bloodhounds, follow by track.

## *LUKE BILLINGS.*

### *HIZ MEMORANDUM.*

Luke Billings waz a skool-master ov the Nu England type and shaddo. He waz an uprite and an austere man, az uprite az a sperm kandle, and az austere az hoss-radish. I look bak onto Luke's memoirs and pitty him, for i pitty awl distrikt-skool masters, all mothers-in-law, and all grass widders. Luke Billings spent hiz whole life in the distrik-skool spekulashun, and died az poor az a salt kodfish. Hiz assetts konsisted ov a pocket-komb and a nu testament. He used tew board round the naborhood, and waz alwuss az hungry az a pikrel. He never had enny friends, nor enny enemys; he waz like a gide-board in this respek. Luke Billings never got marrid, he hadn't the time tew spare. He waz severely engaged, for 26 years, tew Nancy Burbanks, but they both died intestate. They sleep cluss together, in the old grave-yard, at lower Pordunk. Sleep on! sleep on! dear old virgin-couple, and pay no attenshun tew no-boddy. Lukey wore hiz hare long behind, and kept a distrik skool 34 years 6 months and 17 daze. Oh, dear! oh, dear! Luke i pitty yu. Luke Billings iz an ansesstor that i look bak upon every now and then with my memory, and want tew fite sumboddy on hiz aekount. Fairwell, luvely Luke. Fairwell Lukey. Fairwell. Enuff sed.

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### *MORAL.*

From keeping skool, and the pay,  
Two things pestiverous,  
I feel az tho' I'd like to say,  
Good Lord! deliver us.



## *NEBUDKENNEZZAR BILLINGS.*

### *HIZ MEMORANDUM.*

Nebudkennezzar Billings waz an orphan bi birth, and kept a hotel, he did. When yu got fride pork at hiz house, it waz fride pork, it waz. Yu didn't hav a bill ov fare tew tell what it waz, yu didn't. Hiz wife waz smarter than chane litening, and kleaner than a ghost, she waz. Her hash didn't hav enny paving-stuns, nor kart-wheels in it, it didn't. Yu mite az well hunt for the lost tribes ov Izrael on her premises, az to hunt for a kokroach, yu mite. Neb's wife had red hare, and waz bony put together, and could fri pork, tend bar, harness a hoss, trade with a peddlar, and make a gin-sling that could almost talk, she could. Nebudkennezzar Billings waz a pollytishioner, and run hard for konstable in old Pordunk, for menny times, he did. It iz justiss tew hiz memoirs tew state, that tho he run well, the offiss alwuss beat him, it did. He never got elektet, he didn't. How prekarious ! how impekunious ! how transhunt ! Alass ! alass ! Neb' waz kreated in 1502, and dissoluted in 1569, and spent hiz whole life in the hash bizzness, he did. Hiz wife waz boss while here on earth, and will undertake tew be hereafter, she will. But she kant, kan she ? She kant. Happy it iz that thare iz a thussness in theze things. Thrice happy. Even nobby. That's so.

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### *MORAL.*

Every man thinks he kan keep a hotel,  
But O ! how delusiv and rash,  
For thare aint no kind ov bizzness so mixt,  
Az doing a klean job in hash.

30 Days.

NOVEMBER.

1874.

Q.—What iz pity?

H  
●  
H

*Enny man who a shool has kept  
Ten years, (knewel fate allas!)  
Ought tew hav his skins pulled oph.  
And be turn ed out tew grder.*

A.—Cheap charity.  
● ● ●

①

H

Kronology.

GINGER SNAPS.

1

G

!!!! Hark ? the

Thare iz, now and then, a man  
who knows that he iz a phool;  
sutch a man iz a hard man tew  
cheat.

2

M

as ? kold wind

3

T

whissells ● and

4

W

as the rane as

5

T

drizles X Δ and

6

F

as as the snow as

7

S

phizzles ● &amp; as and

8

G

as the fire sizzles ●

9

M

II and the s

10

T

as as dogs as

11

W

as bark s and

12

T

Δ as the boys

13

F

as lark X as as

14

S

as as and the

15

G

kats mew ● as and

16

M

as the kitties stew

17

T

and the pork as

18

W

as as fries as and

19

T

as the mince s as

20

F

pies as as as as

21

S

as as and the as

22

G

turkey dies - as as

23

M

as and the

24

T

as owl dreameth as

25

W

and the goose s as

26

T

as akreameth (!) and

27

F

the girls s as as as

28

S

as mikker ● and the

29

G

men dikker as and

30

M

men dikker as and

I hav known people who waz  
virtewous just bekauze they waz  
lazy, they hadn't snap enuff in  
them tew brake one ov the 10  
commandments.

I beleave pity iz more ov an  
impulse than a principle, for we  
seldum respekt thoz that we  
pitty.

He who suspekts everyboddy,  
should be watched by everyboddy.

## MUSHANMILK BILLINGS.

### HIS MEMORANDUM.

Mushanmilk Billings was one ov mi earliest efforts in the way ov ansestors. He waz begot during the 11th or 12th sentury, or thareabouts. He derived hiz name from hiz grate ability tew conquer mush and milk. Titus Odistes, a celebrated writer in thozе days, sez he haz known him tew eat a potash kittle ov puddin and milk, at one sitting. I kant state whether this iz sutch or not, for i never met Mushanmilk personally. He died previous tew mi birth. Titus Odistes also sez, that Mushanmilk had a very sweet disposishun, how sweet, he dont tell us, but from what i kno ov the latter-day saints, amung the Billings family, it couldn't hav bin quite up tew the best brand ov Nu Orleans mollassiss. He waz sed tew be number One in modesty, and sitch like, but this dont exackly conspire with what i know ov the Billings'es. Cheeck haz alwus been reckoned amung our virtews. In taking a square look bak upon mi ansestors, i find that they were rather a thin set. I find that their *ambishun* waz the result ov *vanity*. Their *honesty* the effekt ov *edukashun*. Their *charity*, the luv ov *novelty*. Their *philosophy*, able tew bear the stummuk-ake ov others with heroik fortitude, but not worth a kuss in their own; and their *virtews* generally, more the growth ov their *pride* than ov their *humility*. What a pitty! Echo answers, "Jiss so." Man iz an angleworm. He iz. Verily.

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### MORAL.

Thare aint to-day, so just a vittle,  
Az mush,—rite hot, from out the kittle.



31 Days.

DECEMBER.

1874.

Q.—Define mit kodish?

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*Instid ov this, how trow it tis,  
The shoofmaster is treated,  
Like one we owe 50 dollars,  
And wont admit we've cheated.*

A.—Vittles and—drink.

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8	TH	Kronollogy.	KOLD KUTS.
1	T	II Bitter kold ☼ *	The more humble a man iz before God, the more he will be exalted,—the more humble he iz before men, the more he will git rode ruff shod.
2	W	a thing ov buty ☼	
3	T	☼ iz a joy forever	
4	F	thundring kold ☼	
5	S	☼ ☼ ☼ if yu must	
6	G	drink hot ☼ ☼	The only really natral thing thare iz about enny man, iz hiz conshunche.
7	M	☼ rum ☼ do it now	
8	T	jehosiphath kold ☼	
9	W	☼ now distruckshun	
10	T	☼ ☼ wood ☼ slam	
11	F	bang kold ☼ ☼	Enuff good luk will ruin enny man.
12	S	Job Stearns	
13	G	☼ Δ III born 1500	
14	M	indefatigabel kold	
15	T	Job Stearns ☼ ☼	
16	W	☼ was an ☼	Whare thare iz one man obstinate bekauze he iz wize, thare iz 4,695 853 obstinate bekauze they are ignorant.
17	T	☼ itinerant ☼ ☼ ☼	
18	F	ompompanoosuck	
19	S	☼ kold ☼ Job III	
20	G	itinerated Δ ☼ ☼	
21	M	☼ tin ware	Trust in God first, yure nabor next, and yureself last.—AMEN.
22	T	sno phawls ☼ now	
23	W	stir up ☼ ☼ ☼	
24	T	☼ ☼ yure goose	
25	F	unimpeachible kold	
26	S	☼ roosters freeze ☼	
27	G	yures, with spark-	
28	M	☼ ling hopes —	
29	T	Josh Billings ☼	
30	W	☼ Allminacker ☼	
31	T		

### HEAR THE PAPERS TALK!

We would rather be the author of Josh Billings' Farmer's Allminax for 1875, than be elected captain of a militia company.

*Coonhollow Democrat.*

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Josh Billings' Farmer's Allminax for the year 1875, is just hatched out; it is like a Thanksgiving pudding, full of rich things; buy it, and set down in a corner, and read, and be happy once, if you never are again.

*Boston Pilgrim.*

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We have a copy of Josh Billings' Allminax on tap, and draw sweet liquor from it each hour; no man can buy our copy, no man can borrow it, and he who steals it, will finally die.

*New Orleans Budget.*

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Saw my right leg off, lift my scalp up, inoculate me with the contents of a six shooter, if Josh Billings' Farmer's Allminax for 1875 aint the bullyest brick the civilized world has ever laid eyes on.

*Texas Daily Bandit.*

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Josh Billings' Farmer's Allminax is once more in our midst; like an oyster on the half shell, it can be took standing, sitting down, or on the run.

*Lowell Examiner.*

**PRIVATE OPINYUNS OV YOSH BIL-  
LINGS' FARMER'S ALLMINAX.**

—○—  
"A pearl ov grate price."

*Deakon Moses Mills.*

—○—  
"I reckomend this allminax to all persons out ov a  
job."

*Israel Pugh.*

—○—  
"Az konsise az a kambrik needle."

*E. R. Duncan.*

—○—  
"This allminax iz az phull ov sharp things az a hedge-  
hog's back."

*Esra Fisk.*

—○—  
"Az natral in the family, and quite az catching, az the  
meazles."

*Dokt. J. Munson.*

—○—  
"Oh lud! i never did peruze enny thing haff so mutch  
like it."

*Widdo Jane Perkins.*

—○—  
"Tis too sweet for enny thing."

*Miss Matilda Ann Brown.*

—○—  
"It iz a lofty produkshun, full ov immense wisdom,  
graphick delineation, and koruskating generalitys."

*John Mead, A.M.*

## H O N E S T Y .

Honesty iz like munny, a man haz got to work hard to get it, and then haz got to work harder to keep it. Honesty iz the best kard in the pak ; it iz allwuss trumps, and there iz no man big phool enuff but what he kan play it right every time. Honesty haz been praised more, and praktised less, than enny ov the virtews, but it stands in need ov no ones praise, and fears no ones rebuke. Honesty iz all the virtew that a man needs, and all that an angell haz. Honest men are skarse, and what i am afrade ov now iz, they are going to be skarser. From Adam's day to ours, and from now untill the judgement time, an *Honest man* haz been, and will be, "*The noblest work of God.*" Pope's deskripshun ov an honest man iz the simplest, and yet the strongest language, that ever haz been used.

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## A K A R D .

A bizzy-body iz like a ritch cheeze,--full ov little things.

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When a man aint good for ennything else, he iz just right to sett on a jury.



The musketo iz born ov poor  
but industrious parents,—  
but haz in hiz reins, sum  
ov the best blood in the Cuntry—  
Yures for 90 days. Josh Billings—



Don't hurry things mi sweet  
friend, the best time to sett  
a hen, — iz when the hen  
iz red dy. =

Try it — Josh Billings. =

31 Days.

JANUARY.

1875.

Q.—What's yure favourite  
piece ov sculpture?

*Erly the Nuzo Boy crawls from his koal box,  
Tho sno on the hard ground may lay,  
And shude for the nuzo paper offis,  
To get his supply for the day.*

A.—The mile-stun nearest  
home.

£	•	Billings Log.
1	F	£ 6 Q Rather
2	S	kold 24 22 Q
3	G	£ 100 pepper sass
4	M	invented 1632 9 4
5	T	6 4 7 mutch kold
6	W	now mangle * II
7	T	2 2 22 wood
8	F	sighns ov 1 2 2
9	S	22 22 2 22
10	G	dont pik 2 1
11	M	• • geese
12	T	this month 6
13	W	expekt sum 2
14	T	6 6 weather
15	F	hi tides X 111
16	S	• now anihilate
17	G	hogs 2 2 111
18	M	22 2 more 101
19	T	koldly 22 * 2
20	W	£ 2 Mike Tower
21	T	died 1812 2 6 Q
22	F	• prepare 2
23	S	2 for sno 22 2
24	G	22 2 22 dont 2
25	M	22 plant enny 22
26	T	corn this month
27	W	22 dredphull chilly
28	T	now assassinate 2
29	F	22 poultry 2 go
30	S	to bed arly 2 •
31	G	

## MORNIN GLORYS.

If i kant hav but two things on  
me that dont pinch, let it be mi  
shirt kollar, and mi boota.

Christians seem to fite under  
cover, but the devil stands boldly  
out, and dares the world to single  
kombat.

Philosophy is a kind ov severe  
sentinal, who locks up the harte,  
and throws the key away.

A thoroly lazy man iz ded enuff  
to be buried, and his phuneral  
ought to be advertized at once.

## *GRIT.*

Grit iz a good thing to hav, but yu dont want too mutch ov it. I hav known folks who had so mutch grit, that they didn't kno when they waz whipt. This dont pay. I like to see a man who aint afrade to fite a wind-mill, when she iz in phull blast, but i dont kare to see him do it, for a wind-mill iz a hard job to thrash, and they dont kno neither when they hav got enuff. Grit and spunk, are two twins, and their mother iz Courage, and their father iz Bravery. I have seen grit, and spunk, and even courage, that didn't hav a bit ov bravery in them. Bravery allwuss ackts from a principle. Grit may be rite, and may be rong. It aint very certain, or partiklar whitch. Gritty men aint allwuss luvly, they are too mutch like sandpaper to handle, allwuss reddy for a skratch. I like grit in everything, except, mi hash, there iz when i kant bear it. Giv every maa yu meet a good big haff ov the turnpike, but if he insists upon the whole ov it, the religion ov the Billings family iz to arbitrate the kase at onst. If a man smotes yu on one cheek, turn him the other one if yu like, but dont let him smote that. This aint fair.

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## *ARGUMENTS.*

It iz as diffikult to define a sukses, as it iz to ackount for the meazles.

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Coquets make better wives than Prudes do, but thank the Lord, there iz better ones in market than either ov them.



28 Days.

FEBRUARY.

1875.

Q.—What's yure opinyun ov Rats?



*Now having arrived at the office,  
He goes in for nonsense, and noise,  
And strives to git hold ov his papers,  
Before the rest ov the boys.*

A.—Poor.

1 M  
2 T  
3 W  
4 T  
5 F  
6 S  
7 G  
8 M  
9 T  
10 W  
11 T  
12 F  
13 S  
14 G  
15 M  
16 T  
17 W  
18 T  
19 F  
20 S  
21 G  
22 M  
23 T  
24 W  
25 T  
26 F  
27 S  
28 G

## Billings Log.

Kondem kold ☉  
☉ § now flies  
☉ are still ☉  
snow falls ☉ ☉ ☉  
☉ there is a ☉  
divinity shapes ☉  
☉ ☉ ☉ our ends  
kold grows ☉  
☉ ☉ ☉ kolder  
☉ Bill Stevens ☉  
☉ ☉ ☉ born 1306  
now chew slapjax  
☉ ☉ low tides ☉  
sign ov mutch ☉☉  
weather ☉ sun in  
☉ apogee ☉ ekspekt  
frosts ☉ about ☉  
☉ these days dont  
plant onion seed ☉  
☉ ☉ Sally Ann  
Murdok died ☉  
☉ \* ☉ kolder  
Sally Ann waz a ☉  
weaver ☉ signs ov  
☉ a thaux Sally Ann  
weaved yarns ☉  
☉ peace to our ashes

## HELIOTROPES.

When a woman wants enny-  
thing, she wants it with all her  
strength, and every boddy elses  
strength too.

Intelekt without judgement iz  
what ails about one half the smart  
people in this world.

Thare aint bad luk in the  
whole world to ruin enny one  
man, not if he will fite it out on  
that line.

A fanatick iz the wust man we  
hav to kontend with, reason haz  
no effekt on him, and it iz agin  
the law to klub him.

## CHARITY.

Charity is a blessed privilege; it lifts poor human natur up to the level ov the angells, and sheds the lite ov heaven on our pathway. It iz the most butiful ov all the impulses ov the heart, and the eazyest to execute. There iz not a thought that goes out kindly to welkum a child ov sorrow, but what iz kredited in the grate book ov everlasting life, under the head ov Charity. There iz not a gift, not even a kup of kold water, there iz not a self sakrafice ov enny kind, there iz not a virtuous wish, nor a kind hope, but what kan be kounted among the jewels ov charity. Charity hath no markit-price here, nor hereafter, there iz menny a penny in the grate box that will kount out brighter, at the last day, than enny dollar that iz there. But thozе people who are the soonest to melt with charity, are often the soonest to freeze up,—i have seen them so fastidious that they couldn't meet an objikt ov charity, without plunging their hand into one pocket, and taking out a ten cent piece, put it right bak into the other, thus satisfying their charity, and saving their munny at the same time.

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## YESS SO.

All the philosophy in the world, wont make a hard trotting hoss ride eazy.

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One ov the most unfortunate individuals i kno ov, iz a third-rate fiddler.

31 Days.

MARCH.

1875.

Q.—How's yure mother-  
in-law? x q v

*Now having his merchandise purchased,  
He's out in the sno, and the sleet,  
And yells like a "brave" on the war path,  
As swiftly he runs thru the street.*

A.—Hello, i thank yu,  
how's yure? x q v

#	th	Billings Log.
1	M	1st @ Windy
2	T	winds @ @ now
3	W	@ @ dig out ♡
4	T	woodchucks @
5	F	† @ expekt wind
6	S	Sam Davis born 2
7	G	2 1632 1/2 more
8	M	wind th Sam Davis
9	T	† 2 was an @ 1/2
10	W	operator † 1/2
11	T	♡ ♡ look out for
12	F	wind @ x 2 Sam
13	S	@ Davis operated
14	G	on hen roosts   11
15	M	prepare for wind ♡
16	T	2 * now pay †
17	W	yure deta @ 2
18	T	@ windyness 2- @
19	F	prevails @ 0 2
20	S	2 @ @ Adam
21	G	was a weak ♡ th
22	M	2 † 1/2 sister
23	T	mutch signs th 2
24	W	2 † ov wind
25	T	now sarch 2 2
26	F	2 @ 2 for hose
27	S	radish ♡ @ @
28	G	♡ 2 more wind
29	M	tud-stools † ♡
30	T	@ diskovered 1283
31	W	

## TULIPS.

A pedant iz one who over-  
estimates whatever he haz got,  
whether it be learning, munny,  
dri goods, or the rumatism.

I dont reckolekt ov ever doing  
ennytthing that i waz just a little  
ashamed ov, but what sum one  
waz sure to remember it, and  
every once in a while put me in  
mind ov it.

The most bitter kriticks we hav  
are those who hav failed them-  
self to write ennything worth  
reading.

He who haz got nothing to do  
in this world but amuze himself,  
haz got the hardest job on hand i  
kno ov.

## *F U N .*

Fun is the cheapest fisick that haz bin diskovered yet, and the eazyest to take. Fun pills are sugar coated, and no change ov diet iz necessary while taking them. A little fun will sumtimes go a grate ways, i hav known men to liv to a good old age on one joke, which they managed to tell az often az once a day, and do all the laffing themselves besides that waz done. But thare iz lots ov pholks who kant see enny phun in enny thing, yu couldn't fire a joke into them with a double barrell gun, 10 paces off, they go thru life az sollum az a cow. Menny people think it iz beneath their dignity to relish a joke, sutch people are simply fools, and dont seem to kno it. The Billings family are allwuss on the lookout for fun, it iz sed ov Dexter Billings, one ov our pristines, that he had to be kept under 500 dollar bonds all the time, to keep him from laffing in church. Ackordin to all ackounts this Dexter Billings waz a cuss. Fun iz the pepper and salt ov every day life, and all he really wiz men who hav ever lived, hav used it freely for seazoning.

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## *H E A R   Y E E .*

The man who kan set himself to work, at enny thing, on 5 minnits notiss, haz got one of the best trades i kno ov.

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Virtew that kant whip Vice, in a fair stand up fite, enny time, aint worth having.

30 Days.

APRIL.

1875.

Q.—What's yure favourite  
style of buty? *W*

"Er'es the Errald, Times, Sun, World, and Tribune,"  
Is the yung merchants ear piercing kry,  
"Got the orfull smash up on the rale rode,"—  
And a kuntryman stops him to buy.

A.—Mi mother's  
y & d

*W*  
1 T  
2 F  
3 S  
4 G  
5 M  
6 T  
7 W  
8 T  
9 F  
10 S  
11 G  
12 M  
13 T  
14 W  
15 T  
16 F  
17 S  
18 G  
19 M  
20 T  
21 W  
22 T  
23 F  
24 S  
25 G  
26 M  
27 T  
28 W  
29 T  
30 F

## Billings Log.

Gentle showers ☞  
☞ — — now U  
insert onion — Δ  
☞ seed ☞ ☞  
Ω ☞ more rain  
☞ \* perpetual ☞  
moshun discovered  
☞ Ω 1832 ☞  
☞ ☞ more rain ☞  
perpetual ☞ ☞  
Ω Ω moshon ☞  
lost 1313 ☞ ☞  
☞ inkreasing ☞  
Δ ☞ wetness ☞  
now prospekt ☞ U  
☞ for dandylions ☞  
☞ ☞ Abner  
Durham ☞ ☞  
☞ ☞ born 956  
expekt rain ☞ ☞  
☞ Abner Durham  
was a ☞ ☞ ☞  
pedlar & wet  
rain ☞ Ω Abner  
☞ Durham [!]  
peddled goose yokes  
☞ rain & ☞ luv me,  
luv ☞ mi ☞ dog  
☞ damp drizzles ☞

## PRIMROSES.

About az low down az a man  
kan git, and not quite spile, iz to  
liv on his wife's reputashun.

A good karakter is allwuss  
gained bi inches, but iz often lost  
in one chunk.

To be strong a man should hav  
plenty ov friends, and plenty ov  
enemys—too menny friends weak-  
ens him, and too menny enemys  
makes him a vagabond.

The man who haz sworn not to  
forgiv haz uttered the wust oath  
he kan take.

### *E A Z Y B O O T S .*

One ov the eazyest things in this world iz a loose boot, it iz just az eazy az falling oph from a log, when yu are fast asleep. The man who fust invented tite boots committed suicide, so i hav been told, this waz kind in the phellow. But if he had committed suicide before he had been born, it would hav been kinder still. Eazy boots are one ov the luxurys ov life, what the other luxurys are i dont kno, and dont kare. Enney man who kan wear a tite boot, and enjoy it, iz either a martyr, or a phool, it makes but little difference which. Tite boots produce korns, bunyons, and swareing, and thare iz only one thing kan be said in their favour, they make a man forgit all hiz other sorrows. An eazy boot will humanize a sinner faster than two misionary kan. Vanity iz the Godfather ov tite boots, and just so long az men mistake a number eleven foot, for a number nine boot, just so long we shall see them limping around, with boots on two sizes too small. Next to a klear consience, for solid cumifort, and every day wear, cums an eazy boot.

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### *H I T S .*

After trieing for more than 35 years to hav mi own way in all things, i have finally cum to the konklushun, to split the difference.

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Everyboddy seems to konsider himself a kind ov moral half bushel, to meazzure the worlds frailtys in.



Mules are like summen, very  
corrupt at harte. - I have known  
them to be good mules for 6  
months, just to git a good chance  
to kik sumbuddy = Josh Billings =



Yu kant do ennything fust  
rate with a flea on yu,—  
except snare, and fleas aint  
afraid of that.=

Yures respectfully. Josh Billings=



31 Days.

MAY.

1875.

Q.—What's yure favourite  
flower? M U

Another boy rushes to serve him,  
But our hero wont stand it no how,  
So he pockets the huntzman's munny,  
And fixes himself for a rove.

A.—Buckwheat flour.  
M U

Q U

Bellings Log.

DAFFODILLS.

1 S Dandylions M  
2 G are \* here M  
3 M warm & O  
4 T O and fine O  
5 W O M tud-stools  
6 T hav arrived M O  
7 F O it rains M  
8 S frogs hav O O  
9 G O cum O  
10 M soft winds M O  
11 T O the tax- O  
12 W gatherer puts O  
13 T O in an O  
14 F appearance O  
15 S M showery  
16 G now chuck O O  
17 M \* in gardin M  
18 T seeds O O  
19 W O a butiful  
20 T day O Abram  
21 F O Barker dekted O  
22 S constable O  
23 G O cloudy  
24 M woman is O  
25 T O a angell O  
26 W wind O O  
27 T O southernly  
28 F now investigate M  
29 S M for hens eggs O  
30 G quite wet ! !- !

The man who haz got nothing  
to reckomend him but robust  
helth, and an excessiv flo ov an-  
imal spirits, iz az unplezant an as-  
soshiate az a 4 year old kolt.

Genius seems to be the fakulty  
ov doing a thing excellently well,  
that noboddy supposed could be  
done at all.

Helth is like munny, we never  
hav a true idea ov its value untill  
we lose it.

The most dangerous person in  
this world, iz the one with the  
most tallent, and the least wirtew.

## *W O M A N .*

Woman iz the glass ware ov kreashun. She iz luvly, and brittle, but she haz run up everything we really enjoy in this life from 25 cents on the dollar to par. Adam, without Eve, would hav been az stupid a game az playing checkures alone. Thare haz been more butiful things sed in her praze than thare haz ov enny other animate thing, and she is worthy ov them all. She is not an angell tho, and i hope she wont never go into the angell bizzness. Angells on earth dont pay. The only mistake that woman haz ever made iz to think she iz a better man than Adam.

Adam iz captin, and i am reddy to admit, that he iz often a dreadphull poor one too. Woman iz the power behind the throne, she holds all the best playing kards in the pak, and her own good sense ought to teach her not to be in enny hurry to play them. I hav allwus sed, and i beleaf it still, that the time to be karfullest iz when you hav a hand phull ov trumps.

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## *P R I V A T E   S E N T I M E N T S .*

If i had 75 children i would be sure and learn 60 ov them to allwus shut the door after them when they went out, and i wouldn't kare whether the other 15 ever learnt mutch or not.

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Yung man, yu better be honest than cunning, and it iz hard work to be both.

30 Days.

JUNE.

1875.

Q.—What's yure favourite  
color?

*They "go in" like a pair ov yung tigers,  
And neither seems anxious to stop,  
Till they are suddenly brought to their senses,  
By a vigilant, fierce-looking "cop."*

A.—Blood bay.

		Billings Log.	HYACINTHS.
1	T	Wet rains	I hav made up mi mind that human hapness konsists in having a good deal to do, and then keep a doing it.
2	W	Abigail Fish	
3	F	married	
4	T	1756 *	
5	S	warm heat	Vanity iz az common to the human family, az fleas iz to a dog, and makes them just about az oneazy.
6	G	now ho	
7	M	gardens	
8	T	expekt	
9	W	thunder	The man who kant enjoy enny- thing but flattery, iz az bad oph az the one who kant drink enny- thing but whiskey.
10	T	hot	
11	F	rains	
12	S	now hunt	
13	G	for musketoes	A true friend iz one who aint afraide to tell yu ov yure faults.
14	M	perhaps	
15	T	rain,	
16	W	perhaps not	
17	T	now kast	
18	F	yure bread	
19	S	on the	
20	G	waters	
21	M	sighns ov	
22	T	litening	
23	W	now fish	
24	T	for frogs	
25	F	it iz hotter	
26	S	Andrew	
27	G	Jackson is no	
28	M	more it raineth	
29	T	so beets	
30	W		

## *POLITENESS.*

What a man kant win in this world bi politeness aint worth having. Politeness iz just as natrul az fun iz, and iz the cheapest way to git a living i kno ov. It haz made more friends than enny thing else ever haz, and haz kept them longer. It dont kost enny more to be polite than it duz to be happy, and enny man iz a phool who kant be either, if he iz a mind to. I hav known it to sukceed whare every thing else had failed, and i never knu it to fail, whare it undertook to sukceed. It iz az eazy to apply az the "poor mans plaster," and it will all-wus stik whare it iz stuk. Next to honesty, politeness iz queen bee in the hive, and the man who iz thoroly honest and thoroly polite, haz nothing to fear, or hope for. Politeness, without honesty, iz a good deal risky, but sumtimes the wust we kan call it iz, "a pleazant fraud."

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## *2 FAKTS.*

The best abuzed woman ov the 19th century iz the average mother in law.

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One ov the most perfekt viktorys yu kan achieve over enny man, iz to beat him in politeness.

31 Days.

JULY.

1875.

Q.—Who's yure favourite  
prose author? # # #



*He takes them away to the stashun,  
Where both are krestfallen and meek,  
And after a lektur on fiteing,  
The kids are discharged by the "beak."*

A.—Noah Webster.  
# # #

○	*	Billings Leg.
1	T	Expekt grate on H
2	F	# # hotness
3	S	Y now snak X
4	G	● are @ slippery □
5	M	thunder & #
6	T	II # mixt with
7	W	# litening & Y
8	T	Hank Ketchum Y
9	F	# Q Y born 1802
10	S	4A # hotter Y Q
11	G	Hank Ketchum #
12	M	was single Δ &
13	T	V # more hotly
14	W	Hank # P #
15	T	# # Ketchum
16	F	# parted his ●
17	S	hare in the & #
18	G	# & middle
19	M	sum & X
20	T	Y Q litening #
21	W	about these #
22	T	V Y daze ::
23	F	□ mad dogs #
24	S	Y heard ov (o)
25	G	[4] & less hot
26	M	now destroy Y U
27	T	Y grass for hay S
28	W	sighns ov thunder ∞
29	T	S Y S honesty is
30	F	the best policy Y ∞
31	S	

## TUBE ROSES.

He who expekts to be praised  
every time he duz a virtewous  
thing will soon git tired ov the  
bizzness.

When people loze their prop-  
erty they generally lose every-  
thing else, in the estimashun ov  
the world, except their faults and  
vices.

It iz the eazyest thing in natur  
to be honest, but most men make  
dredphull hard work ov it.

A good deal ov buty, and a  
good deal ov sense, are seldum  
found together.

## *EGG NOGG.*

Thare iz no fluid known to mortal man, that haz got more bakbone, and less tangle leg, in a quart ov it, than good, old 1776, Egg Nogg. Our grand dads drank it fluently, and thankd the Lord, az it meandered ajoly down their thruts. It iz bilt out ov sider, and fresh egg, and iz az phull ov fun, and innosense, az a kittens tail. Enny man who haz moral skruples about drinking a glass ov fresh made egg nogg, had better git hiz morality insured aginst acksidents at once, for he iz in danger ov having hiz morality kompletely eradikated from the face ov the earth. Morality that kant stand egg nogg, iz a weak sister. I luv egg nogg, and hope i allwuss shall. I kant tell yu now when egg nogg waz fust diskovered, nor who the lucky kritter waz who fust found it out, but i would giv 15 dollars at least to know that it waz one ov mi ansestors. I am orphull proud ov the anshunt Billing'es and enny glory that fluktuates around them, kind ov circumambiates around me. This may look like weakness in me, but it iz natur, and i dont beleav in allwuss snubbing natur. I say let yure natur kind ov go it, onst in a while.

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## *SUM OPINYUNS.*

Mi experience in life thus far haz been, that 7, wont go into 5, and hav mutch ov ennything left over.



I hav herd lies so well told that a man would almost be a phool not to beleave them.

31 Days.

AUGUST.

1875.

Q.—What's yure favorite  
perfume? □ ♦ ♣

*At liberty now out they skamper,  
But before their days work they renew,  
Our hero remarks to his rival,  
"Tomorrow, I'll take hare ov yu."*

A.—Modesty.  
□ ♦ ♣

M S

Billings Log.

CARNASHUNS.

1 G  
2 M  
3 T  
4 W  
5 T  
6 F  
7 S  
8 G  
9 M  
10 T  
11 W  
12 T  
13 F  
14 S  
15 G  
16 M  
17 T  
18 W  
19 T  
20 F  
21 S  
22 G  
23 M  
24 T  
25 W  
26 T  
27 F  
28 S  
29 G  
30 M  
31 T

Big heat & now  
+ hunt q for cool  
places & thunder &  
& and litening q  
mixt & salamanders  
A:7 diskovered 849  
heat waxes r Ω  
⊙ in Adam's sin ⊙  
⊙ we all jined in ⊙  
expekt sudden M U  
Σ P rain about  
these daze P M  
Phil Sherman M X  
Δ 7 born 1756  
M + ⊙ heat  
grows Σ q P  
⊙Σ heaty P M  
Phil Sherman M ⊙  
M d o was a  
hard-shell P Σ  
⊙ baptist ⊙  
Σ whew! P  
how M Ω Σ  
⊙ M Ω hot  
it am v o M  
⊙ M now M Ω  
dig ⊙ II P  
M M e for ice  
bileing M Ω ⊙  
⊙ M hot P M

When the vice and virtew in a  
man iz about haff and haff, he  
wants az mutch cluss watching az  
a bile duz when it iz cumming to  
a hed.

We are allwuss sure to think  
just az other pholks do, provided  
they think just az we do.

Make yureself necessary yung  
man, and yure suckcess iz certain.

Everyboddy applauds a virtew-  
ous ackshun, even the Devil him-  
self admires it.

## *FAITH.*

*Faith is the right bower ov hope. If it want for faith there would be no living in this world, we couldn't even eat hash with enny safety. Human knowledge is very short, and dont reach but a little ways, and even that little ways is twilite, but faith lightens up the road, so that we kan see to read the letterings on the mile stums az we travel. Faith has won more viktorys than all the other pashuns ov the harte put together, for faith is one ov them kind ov warriors that dont kno when she is whipt. But faith is no milk sop, but a live fighter, she dont set down and gro stupid with resignashun, and git weak with the buty ov her attributes, but she is the heroine ov a forlorn hope. I think now if i couldn't hav but one ov the moral attributes i would take it all in Faith, and tho-i mite make sum fust rate blunders, i would do a rushing bizzness among the various kinds ov dri bones that iz lieing around loose in the world. Faith haz allwus been one ov the best holts ov the Billings family, from the daze ov Noah, down to now.*

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## *HOW IZ THIS?*

*Experience ackts on sum pholks vitals just az it duz on a bull tarrier, he dont fairly git over one whipping before he begins to look around for another.*

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*The vulgar allwuss notiss everything they see.*





The monkey iz one of our  
poor relashuns, and skratohes  
hiz hed az natral az a  
skool boy duz, - and probably  
for simular reasons. -

Funny, aint it, Josh Bellings



I have may cum a time, when  
the Lion, and the Lam will  
lie down together. — i shall be  
az glad to see it az enny  
buddy. — but i am still betting  
on the Lion. Truly, Josh Billings

30 Days.

SEPTEMBER.

1875.

Q.—What's yure favourite amuzement?



*He meets with a smooth faced old villain,  
Who ov a bad stamp would git free,  
But the boy twiddles his fingers, and ses,  
"Yu hant hum that ere over me."*

A.—Sleeping.

③ 2

Billings Log.

SWEET WILLIAMS.

1 W T & Mild 2 2  
2 T and sliik T 2 2 2  
3 F Zip Coon 2 [2]  
4 S T 2 died 1822  
5 G 2 tender 2 2  
6 M winds T 2 T  
7 T 2 2 Zip was  
8 W a coloured 2 2  
9 T 2.2 brother 2  
10 F mello rain 2 2  
11 S 2 2 put not yure  
12 G trust in 2 J  
13 M J T members ov  
14 T 2 T the legislatur  
15 W more mello 2 2  
16 T rain 2 J now  
17 F 2 consume 2  
18 S 2 2 2 oysters  
19 G perhaps rain, 2 2  
20 M 2 2 perhaps not  
21 T go slo 2 2 2  
22 W 2 expekt frost 2  
23 T 2 2 now hunt  
24 F for fleas 2 2 2  
25 S 2 2 frost last 2 2  
26 G night \* T 2  
27 M 2 fleas are quicker  
28 T than a ghost 2 2  
29 W T mild, but batiful

Bashfullness iz often like the plating on spoons, when it wears off, it shows the brass.

Lerning pays a better interest than munny duz, besides the principal never gits lost.

Abuv all things, lern yure child to be honest and industrious; if these two things dont enable him to make a figger in this world, he iz only a cypher, and never waz intended for a figger.

It iz so natral to phind fault, that i wonder we are ever suited with ennything.

## *EKONOMY.*

Ekonomy is the art ov allwuss gitting the worth ov yure munny, and gitting the right change bak, and it iz also the art ov making 10 cents, once in a while, go az fur az a shilling. It iz like an ear fur musik, it has got to be born the same time yu are, or not at all. Yu kant larn an extravagant person to be ekonomikal enny more than yu kan learn a muskeeter to quit eating, when he haz got enuff. Thiz iz funny, but it iz too true to laff at. Ekonomy iz the mother-in-law ov Prosperity, and she iz one ov them kind ov mother-in-laws that never made enny disturbanse in the family. Ekonomy haz made more munny in this world than spekulashun ever haz, and thare iz another thing about it, she allwuss hangs on to it. Thare iz only one trubble about ekonomy, it sum-times runs into avarice, and then all itz buty iz destroyed. It iz better to be a spendthrift, than 'a mizer. The Billings family hav allwuss bin noticed in history for their ekonomy. Jericho Billings, one ov our primevals, kept the same pair ov boots 26 years, but he wore out 9 souls, and 5 pairs ov upper leathers in the meantime.

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## *H A R K !*

Cunning men are like a hand saw,—they only hav teeth on one side ov them.

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Next in point ov meanness, to doing a man an injury, iz to do him a favour, and every now, and then, remind him ov it.

31 Days.

OCTOBER.

1875.

Q.—Who's yure favourite  
painter?

*Having sold out his papers, our hero,  
To some cheap hash hous shampers away,  
And after he calls for his luncheon,  
He reckons his gains for the day.*

A.—Sunrise and sunset.  
§ 50 X

F S

Billings Log.

DAISYS.

1 F

†8† October haz ...

2 S

31 days ...

3 G

and 2 @ nights

4 M

th stiff weather

5 T

now mutilate @ T

6 W

6 7 apples for sider

7 T

● sharp @ frost

8 F

about 2 now 5 2

9 S

6 X Fred Simmons

10 G

m born @ 1694 @

11 M

leaves fall Δ \* Δ

12 T

22 Fred Simmons

13 W

played the @ Δ @

14 T

7 2 bass drum

15 F

expekt 2 2 8

16 S

11 @ 7 mo

17 G

5 m now @

18 M

slaughter 6 7

19 T

● 7 cockroaches

20 W

kondem @ @

21 T

@ chilly m

22 F

man iz 7 @

23 S

M 2 mortal 7

24 G

sighns th 7 6

25 M

X @ ov 2 7

26 T

7 @ winter

27 W

the bull 2 7

28 F

7 frog iz hush 8

29 S

pear @ apples 2

30 G

2 2 @ nites 8

31 G

It waz a wize phello who put  
on hiz spektickles when he et  
strawberries, it made a pint go az  
fur az a quart.

To lie about a man never hurts  
him, but to tell the truth about  
him sumtimes dus.

When the weather fair iz every-  
boddy haz got an umbreller to  
lend.

The man who seeks temtashun  
must either be an angett or a  
phool,—probably a phool.

## *HAM, AND EGG.*

There are certain things in this world that seem just as tho they waz born for each other, and ham, and egg, are two ov them things. Altho they cum from quite different lokalitys, they must be twins, for they are so often seen together. If i kan hav all the ham, and egg i want, kod-phish bawls may tak a bak seat for the present. Vittles and drink hav allwuss been a staple artikle with human natur, and when they play out, i am reddy to quit. Sum pholks are so etherial that they kan liv on the smell ov biled kabbage, but i must hav a chunk ov the kabbage. Pholks may talk about ambrozial nektar az much az they pleze, they kant phool me with enny ov thozе kind ov essences, for i hav lived just long enuff to find out, that the best ov society, hav got to hav their biled vittles, kind ov reglar, even if they tak them on the sli, or they will soon peg out. Natur is natur, and she will hav her ham, and egg. Natur iz a little raw once in a while, but she allwuss stands up for her rights, and tho yu may defraud her, yu kant kompromise with her. Ham, and egg, was a bevarage long before Noahs freshet.

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## *TAKE NOTISS.*

Good breeding makes all kondishuns ov life equal.

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Anger allwus hurts us more than it duz the other phellow which we git mad at.

30 Days.

NOVEMBER.

1875.

Q.—What's yure idea ov happiness?



*After greedily eatin his luncheon,  
He lies bak and snoozes a bit,  
And when nite cums you'll find him enjoyin,  
A seat in the Bowery pit.*

A.—The gloves, and easy boots.

Billings Log.		SNO DROPS.
1 M	!!!! Winter howls	Gossip iz more ketching than
2 T	let her 's 's	the meazles iz.
3 W	! x howl y	
4 T	! who n kares	
5 F	grate sno ! x	
6 S	o Mrs. Stebbins	
7 G	died 1818 y. o	
8 M	& o bitter	The covetous man iz like a
9 T	kold d s s	sponge, it takes in all the mois-
10 W	! Mrs. Stebbins	ture that cums near it, but lets
11 T	took snuff ! s	out none until it iz squeezed.
12 F	o o. n 62 years	
13 S	more kold o s	
14 G	o now mastikate	
15 M	o slapjax 's o	
16 T	it freezes s when	Thare iz a grate menny ginger-
17 W	o the kat iz w A	pop people in this world, after
18 T	away, the mlce y	they hav bin uncorked a fu min-
19 F	will play A ground	nitts, they git to be dredphul
20 S	froze up s x	flatt.
21 G	now hire x s	
22 M	s o skool moms	
23 T	u sno a y w	
24 W	foot deep x s	The quickest way to take the
25 T	o th x babes in	starch out ov a man who iz all-
26 F	the woods x s	wuss blameing himself, iz to agree
27 S	o o lost 1614	with him, this aint what he iz
28 G	winter iz s x w	looking for.
29 M	s o here y s	
30 T		

### *THE PISSMIRE.*

The pissmire is a blak bugg about 23 times as big as the ant, and as phull ov important bizzness as the chair-man ov a wimmins rights convenshun. They hav thirteen konsekutive leggs on each side ov their boddys, and allwuss travel on the run. They are like sum men, ever hunting fur sumthing to do, but never was known to find it. I hav seen them travel for two hours, bakwards, and forwards, and not git 3 feet from whare they started from, stopping every now and then to listen. The pissmire is the loafer among bugs, and like other loafers, livs from hand to mouth. Their home is a hole in the ground, but call on them as often as yu pleze, yu will never find them in. They git up late, and go to bed late, and are allwuss hungry, and hollow. They are as lary as mollasiss in the month ov Febuary, and as useless as an extra dog in a family. Pissmires are a poor speculashun, i wouldn't giv 50 cents for the whole krop.

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### *REFLECKSHUNS.*

If yu are going to giv a man enny thing giv it to him cheerfully, and quick, dont make him git down on his kneeze in front ov yu, and listen to the 10 commandments, and then yu giv him 5 cents.

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The man who is allwuss confessing his sins, and never quitting them, is the most onsertin sinner i kno ov.



31 Days.

DECEMBER.

1875.

Q.—Who's yure favourite  
heroine in romance? d @

*When the sensashun drama is ended,  
Our hero remembers with pain,  
That the pleasures ov life are but fleeting,  
And he goes for his koal box again.*

A.—Old Mother Hubbard.  
@ R R

d	W	Billing's Leg.	TIGER LILYS.
1	W	[=] December 2	Thare iz in sum men a grate deal ov humor, that iz like the frolik in a puppy, dont mean ennything in purtikular.
2	T	hath 31 daze @ d	
3	F	d □ sum kold @ d	
4	S	now arouse M @	
5	G	de d 12 fires	
6	M	merkury 10 belo d	Thare iz nothing we are more apt to parade before others, than our kares and sorrows, and thare iz nothing the world kares so lit- tle about.
7	T	7 a spri sixpence	
8	W	● iz better than d	
9	T	a 7 lazy Δ dime	
10	F	immense sno Δ 7	
11	S	d 7 now pay	Reason often makes mistakes, but consience never duz.
12	G	the printer d d	
13	M	& Sister Perkins de	
14	T	born 1500 7 d	
15	W	more d 7 d	
16	T	7 koldness d	A blush kant be kounterfited.
17	F	Sister Perkins M	
18	S	○ waz a femall ●	
19	G	lekturer 7 kold	
20	M	12 increases ●	
21	T	Sister Perkins d	
22	W	lektured 7 her *	
23	T	○ husband nites 7	
24	F	dreary winter @ d	
25	S	2 d d iz here	
26	G	farewell my 11 Δ	
27	M	7 ● darlings de	
28	T	look for d 7	
29	W	□ (!) me next	
30	T	year ††† . . .	
31	F		

### WHAT THE PAPERS THINK.

Josh Billings' Farmer's "Allminax" has come again, it is as welcome, and genial, as dew to the parched earth.—*London Speckletator*.

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It is joy for the fireside, it is rest for the weary.—*Newburyport Guardian*.

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Fresher, fairer, more fertile, and funny than ever, may its sweet face look in upon us for all time, delightful Josh Billings' "Allminax," record of the past, bright promise of the future.—*Savannah Amaranth*.

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How crisp ! how tart !—*London Queen*.

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Josh Billings' Farmer's "Allminax" is a bright jewel in the current literature of the day.—*Louisville Dispatch*.

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Bless the dear little waif, we love it, and who shall chide us for loving !—*Lady's Journal*.

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We have received Mr. Joshua Billings' Farmer's "Allminax" for 1876, and shall notice its contents at our very earliest convenience.—*Edinburgh Review*.

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It's a square deal, chunky and smart.—*Texas Blade*.

### LATEST NUZE.

Dik Blister waz arrested yesterday bi offiser Pinkerton for trieing tew pass a counterfit omnibuss, on a 50 cent driver, ov the 23' street line ov stages. Held for exami-nashun.

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It iz sed (but not offishall) that Mr. & Mrs. Punchinello will not visit the white mountains next season. Their dauter Betsey Punchinello iz sed tew be engaged to the Baron Von Chalk, and the family will enter seklushun on this account.

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A writer in Blackwood's magazine estimates that thare haint been, in all, over 200 fleas killed since the flood.

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*On dit*, that Dick Manchester haz quit the 3 kard monte bizzness, and iz starring it legitimately, at Sing Sing, on a 2 years engagement.

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We are pleased tew notiss the growing popularity ov Mr. & Mrs. David Jibboom, their respektibility iz now fully established, having appeared on the avenew with a two hoss carriage, and a slitely coloured driver, with a velvet hat band, and two rows of brass buttons.

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The latest agony in poodles iz saffron, with steel coloured eyes.

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Matilda O'Brigham, four days in her last place, with a karakter, will receive proposals at her residence in makrel row. No objekshuns to going into the country for the summer az companyun tew a lady provided suitable references are given. Lessons on the piano will be taken instead ov the usual presents expekted from the family.

### *THE DONKEY.*

I hav watched the donkey with a grate deal ov pashunt anxiety. They are about 3 foot hi, and sumthing like three foot six inches lengthwise. They hav a normal appetight, and will eat all the time, and more too. They aint partikular about their vittles, and will tri hard to swallo a hoss shu, but they kant do it. The donkey iz one ov naturs jokes, a sort ov pun on a horse, which i could never see the point to. They are az sett in their ways, az a gate post, and are the only live things that are too mutch for a klub. They will stand more pounding than a sheaf ov wet oats, without shelling out. The donkey haz 2 ears, and only 1 tale, and the ears are to the rest ov their boddy, like two steeples to a church. The donkey iz a sober, and misterious kuss. Fairwell yu sad, and thinking kritter, i may never again rite yure memoirs, but whether I dont, or do, I shall allways respekt yu, az a donkey, that's all. Az a cluss studdy, the donkey iz az full ov interest, az a mile stun, with the letterings all worn oph. Donkeys will liv forever, or thareabouts, and retain their buty, and intelligence to the last. Adew you graven image, you solid one, adew !

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### *P O N D E R .*

To lie about a man never hurts him, but to tell the truth about him sumtimes duz.

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I think it iz good taste, and also good judgement, when a man prays for the sins ov the people, that he should count himself in.



I have known men so pious,  
that when they went out a  
fishing, on Sunday, they  
always prayed for good luck  
a fact, Josh Billings



The fly is a friendly kriter,  
tho i never see him the muss  
for liquor,— but i hav often  
seen liquor, that war a  
good deal the muss for flys.  
dless so dosh Billings

31 Days.

JANUARY.

1876.

Q.—Who iz the meanest  
man?



*John Simpson was a bachelor.  
Ov forty, perhaps ov forty-three,  
With the dispepsy onto him,  
Wuss than enny man yu ever see.*

A.—He who peeks thru a  
key hole.

Δ	Θ	Short Fakte.
1	S	Δ Mutch kold Θ
2	G	mares nest Δ
3	M	diskovered 1810 §
4	T	24 now keep cool
5	W	Δ Ben Butler
6	T	iz a lawyer Φ Π
7	F	Δ less koldly Δ
8	S	sarch *** for Ω
9	G	ice Δ expekt
10	M	sum ● □
11	T	inkrease Ω Δ ov
12	W	↑ weather § * §
13	T	Flora Temple Δ
14	F	↑ x could +
15	S	trot fast — § —
16	G	Δ more koldfull
17	M	Job Perkins § †
18	T	Δ * kreated * Δ
19	W	Θ Δ 1264 × (Ω)
20	T	kold rather Π ¶
21	F	Δ waxes
22	S	Δ ○ Job Δ
23	G	Perkins — Ψ
24	M	Δ   Φ loved Δ
25	T	onions — ¶
26	W	—!! now is the !!—
27	T	winter ov □ Σ
28	F	our diskontent
29	S	† † examine *   *
30	G	§ + yure geese
31	M	

## STROKE OARS.

Pashunce iz a good thing for a man to hav, but when he haz got so mutch ov it, that he kan fish all day, over the side of a boat, without enny bait on hiz hook, lazyness iz what's the matter ov him.

Pills will sumtimes refuze to akt on the liver, but sawing wood never will.

When i waz 20 i knew twice az mutch az i do now, and the way things are going on, if i should liv to be 75, i dont expekt to kno nothing.

Thare iz no radikal kure for lazyness, but starvashun will cum the nearest to it.

### *THE VEGATABEL BITTERS MAN.*

Whenever a man gits ded broke, and kant think ov nothing to raze a breeze with, and hiz uncle wont hav him boarding at hiz house enny more, and the heels ov hiz boots hav knawed the bottom ov his pantaloons all off, he takes rubarb root, and a fu katnip blossoms, and sum tan bark, and sokes them for 14 hours in sum cheap whiskey, and goes hedlong into the liver renovating bizzness. He plasters every fence, saw mill log, stun wall, and cow's back, from Portland Maine to Stockton Californy, with red, and yello hand bills, offering to heal the halt, make the blind talk, and the deaf see, and renew the inside, and outside, ov all kreashun, for a dollar and twenty five cents a bottle. He takes rooms at sum fust klass hotel, drives 8 ir. hand, and never iz seen, only on the jump. He iz az full ov bizzness az a deputy superintendant ov a Sunday skool, on a piknik day, and call on him when yu will, to kollekt yure little bill ov 7 dollars, he haz just left for Baltimore, or wont be home from Nu Orleans, untill week after next. Theze men are not all ov them unskrupulous, they are kunning kritters, who hav found out, that mankind to be happy, must be cheated.

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### *PAUZE.*

It iz the prudes in this world that need the most watching, coquets are too kareless to be dangerous.



Most men are like a hop vine, if they dont hav sum kind ov a pole to klimb, and then stik to it, they wont promulgate mutch hops.



29 Days.

FEBRUARY.

1876.

Q.—Please define old bachelors.

△

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○

Q



*Sum friend told John to travel,  
Twelve miles on the jump each day,  
Before he et enny brekfassit,  
And not loiter upon the way.*

A.—Pickled Krabs.

○

Q

Q

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Q

Short Facts.

FIGGER HEDS.

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5

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[X] S weather

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Bonaparte fit †—†

7

M

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T

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T

Jake [X] Turner

11

F

departed Δ 1830

12

S

Ω a snowy |||

13

G

Jake Turner Ψ Σ

14

M

l-?-l waz a [X]

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c-o-n-s-t-a-b-l-e

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—it duz [X] snow—

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now munch |—|

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□ Ω Y slapjax

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□ Ω Y slapjax

Kats are very humble, espesh-  
ily just after they hav committed  
sum nu kind ov deviltry.

—○○—

The man who iz allwuss trieing  
to kreate a sensashun, will git so  
pretty soon, that he kant kreate  
even a disturbance.

—○○—

If yu want to git a fust klass  
situashun in sum alms house,  
giv all yure property to yure  
children before yu die.

—○○—

There's lots ov men in this  
world that are like a rooster,  
take the cockade, and spurs off  
from them, and yu couldn't hard-  
ly tell them from a hen.

### *THE KROW.*

I hav written sevral very poplar obituary notisses ov the krow, but find that i hav stated a good deal about them that wazn't jist so, and left unsed mutch that waz true. The krow iz az cunning az a Tombs lawyer, and just about az mutch ov a ded beat. Yu kant ketch one in a trap, and if you should, yu could not bile one in a pot, soft enuff to eat, in 3 weeks. A tame krow, and a civilized injun, may be a moral triumph on the face ov it, but when yu cum to examine the other side ov it, yu will find that yu hav overdid the bizzness. If all the krows, and injuns, in this world were tame and, civilized, yu could bid fairwell to all other manuel, and mental labor, and spend all yure time, and talents, studying the pesky, infernal kritters. Krows assemble in the fall ov the year, 30 thousand ov them, or more, in council, and appoint their deakons for the following year. At this grate kawwass, rezolushuns ov a inflamitory natur are passed, daming the farmers for putting up skare krows in the kornfields, plans are laid for next years stealings, and each krow swopping wives, the meeting disseminates, and the krows fli away.

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### *HOLD!*

Dont keep but one dog, no one but a pauper kan afford to keep three.

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If yu are going to make amuzements a stiddy bizzness, ketching flies iz az good az enny.

81 Days.

MARCH.

1876.

Q.—What are boarding-houses?



*John heard next that dieting,  
Was the only thing 'twould cure him,—  
Liv on a jill of soup a day,  
And they offered to insure him.*

A.—Asylums for cockroaches.

		Short Fakte.	FRONT TEETH.
1	W	Windy Ω winds Δ	
2	T	‡ Congress gits	Wize men sumtimes bild air
3	F	together ∅ [ ¶	kastles just for the fun ov the
4	S	now § look out	thing, it iz only the phools who
5	G	3 ∅ for wind	bild them, and then undertake to
6	M	watch hens ≡ ●	liv in them.
7	T	II for eggs ●	
8	W	⊙ wind more ⊙ so	
9	T	Frank Dutcher	—○○—
10	F	appeared 1742 ‡	
11	S	∅ wind howls ⊙	I hav seen folks who waz vio-
12	G	⊙ ⊙ Frank ⊙ ⊙	lently oppozed to gambling, sim-
13	M	D-u-t-c-h-e-r	ply bekauze they had found out
14	T	⊙ ⊙ was ∅ □ a	that they couldn't win.
15	W	failure ∅ ~ ⊙	
16	T	wind ∅ shouts	—○○—
17	F	‡ now I ask *	
18	S	klohtumdrumis	I notiss one thing, when a man
19	G	∅ ∅ windy § ‡	stubs his toe he cussess all krea-
20	M	William ∅ Penn	shun fust, then the toe, but never
21	T	* ‡ was a ∅ ∅	himself.
22	W	quaker ∅ □ ∅	
23	T	≡ wind Δ	—○○—
24	F	frackshus ¶ ∅ ∅	
25	S	∅ now hunt	Dont change yure bait mi boy,
26	G	weazels ● ∅ ∅	if yu are ketching fish with angle
27	M	≡ wind ∅	worms—stik to the worms.
28	T	more south ::	
29	W	* ∅ ∅ than it	
30	T	(w) (s) (z) ● ¶	
31	F		

### *THE KROTON BUG.*

The kroton bug are dirty blak kusses, without enny pedigree, and ov no more use than an extra fli in a plate ov soup. They hang around wet and damp places, and are all the time either going in, or coming out, ov every krak in that naborhood. Thare iz no beginning, nor end, to their number, and if yu bore a hole with a gimblet, enny whare near a plug basin, the next day the krotions will be .az thick around it, az tho a nu 3 cent gin mill had just been opened thare. What they liv on no naturalist knows, or dassent tell, and yu kant git rid ov them, enny more than you kan skare the flies out ov a sugar hogshed, by hollering at them. They are allwuss on the move like a grasshopper, but what they are about, or would like to hav, they kant even tell them selfs. Thare iz a powder advertized which they say will klean the kroton bugs all out ov the house in 4 days. I am no gambler, but i will give the powder 7 days the start, and then bet on the bugs. Thare is only one sure way to git the krotions out ov a house, burn up the house and let a strong east wind blo the ashes away.

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### *D W E L L .*

The devil allwuss keeps the gide boards that lead to hiz dominions, fresh painted, and in good order.

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I never knu a man yet who waz allwuss watching hiz helth, to die ennywhare near az soon az he expected to.

30 Days.

APRIL

1876.

Q.—Define a pig.  
● \* \*

For two years John lived on nothing,  
And walkt like a ghost on a raid,  
'Till he lookt like the pictur above,  
Which host us a "V" to hav made.

A.—Port in panicle.  
\* \* \*

## Short Fakte.

1 S ☉ It rains ☼ ☽  
2 G bright ☼ and ☽  
3 M butiful ☼ let  
4 T ☉ ☽ her rain ☼ ☼  
5 W now stik in lettiss  
6 T ☼ sum ☼ ☼ more ☼  
7 F ☼ rain ☼  
8 S now ☼ the ☼ frog  
9 G ☼ squeals a wet \*  
10 M ☼ day ☼ ☼ ☼  
11 T Joab ☼ ☼ Mitchell  
12 W ☼ died 1769 \*  
13 T mizzling wet ☼ \*  
14 F ☼ ☼ Joab loved  
15 S old cider ☼ wind  
16 G southy ☼ ☼ about  
17 M now ~ ☼ ☼ ☼  
18 T ☼ thrust in arly ☼  
19 W peas ☼ ☼ ☼ moist  
20 T but ☼ wet ☼ ☼ ☼  
21 F ekonemy is welth  
22 S ☼ ☼ it rains ☼  
23 G Daniel Webster  
24 M ☼ ☼ knu law ☼ ☼  
25 T it ☼ ☼ drizzles  
26 W ☼ ☼ ☼ ☼ ☼  
27 T ☼ ☼ ☼ ☼ ☼  
28 F non est ☼ ☼ ☼  
29 S con-fab-u-lus" ☼  
30 G ☼ ☼ ☼ ☼

## HED LIGHTS.

Dont never trust a man at the  
rate ov 50 cents on a dollar,—if  
yu kant konfide in him at par,  
let him slide.

I dont kno which iz the biggest  
phool, the man who kan spend  
two hours bragging about himself,  
or the one who kan sit pashuntly  
and listen to him.

It iz very diffikult for a man to  
change his pollyticks, or hiz reli-  
gion, without being suspected ov  
having very little ov either.

The two bizzzyest persons in  
this world about nothing, iz a  
country gossip, and a June bug.

### *THE KUNTRY SKOOL MOM.*

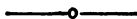
The kuntry skool mom iz allwuss about 23 years, and six months old, and remains rite thare for a term ov years. She wears her hair either kut short, or hanging around in ringlets, and iz az precise in every thing, az a pair ov Fairbanks' improved platform skales. She never laffs out loud, and seldum even smiles, but when she duz, she duz it ackording to the rules laid down by Murray, for speaking, and pronouncing, the English language properly. She iz the very oil ov propriety, and would rather be four years behind the fashions in bonnetts, than to spell a word wrong, or parse a sentence inkorrekltly. The kuntry skool mom seldum dies an old maid, she gits marrid to sum man who haz less larning than she haz, and he thinks (az he ought to) that thare aint another sutch a larnt woman az hiz wife iz, in all kreashun. With all her precise foolishness i luv, and respekt, the kuntry skool mom, she taut me mi letters, and larnt me how to spel, she waz pashunt while i waz stupid, she sootned me when i waz frackshus, and she often (good soul) giv me a titbit from her luncheon at noon time. May Heaven bless, and comfort her, for she iz poorly paid, and iz stepmother to every boddys yung ones.

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### *S T O P .*

A man will liv longer on onions, and abuse, than on enny other 2 things i kno ov.



Yung man, mark yure goose up hi, two thirds ov the world hav no other idea of value, only by the price that iz put onto things.

31 Days.

MAY.

1876.

Q.—What iz honesty?



*Johnny then bought a hard trotter,  
And rode himself weak as a rag,  
Then sold him for 19 dollars,  
Just haff that he gave for the nag.*

A.—The wag ov a dogs tail  
th' f' d

±	♀	Short Fakis.
1	M	▽ Hoss radish ☉
2	T	haz cum ☉ ● □
3	W	wind south-east
4	T	● ☉ * ☉
5	F	—grindstuns—
6	S	discovered ● 1714
7	G	☿ ☿ wet showers
8	M	Ralph Goodo ☿
9	T	☿ △ ☿ born 1109
10	W	milá but plezant
11	T	☿ ☿ ☿
12	F	☿ ☿ Ralph ☿ ☉
13	S	loved ☿ ☿ sassage
14	G	☉ prepare ☿
15	M	for nice ☿ ☿ ☿
16	T	☿ weather ☿
17	W	man waz ☿ ☿ ☿ ±
18	T	kreated ☿ a 3 little
19	F	lower than the
20	S	☿ angells*and ☿
21	G	haz been ☿ ☿ ☿
22	M	☿ gitting ☿
23	T	a ☿ little ☿ lower
24	W	● ever since ●
25	F	now ☿ ☿ insert
26	S	☿ ☿ arly corn ☿ ☿
27	G	☿ ☿ Pharaoh fell ☿
28	M	warm ☿ ~ ☿ ☿
29	T	* ☿ ☿ ☿ into the
30	T	red see ☿ ☿ ☿
31	W	

## WEATHER COCKS.

Thare iz now and then a fool  
so well bred that he is really  
quite endurable.

Gossip that iz travelling around  
loose iz a lie, or will be, bi the  
time it haz changed hands once  
more.

I wrote 5 years just for glory,  
and met with sum glory, but  
when i asked for pay, every bod-  
dy found out at once, that i waz  
a kussid phool.

Thare iz lots ov polks who if  
they should miss their morning  
paper wouldn't kno mutch ov  
ennything for that day

### *THE RED CURRANT*

Next to the apple, for every day wear, cums the red currant. They are allmost az necessary, and common, for sweetmeats, in all well regulated familys, az hash iz for brekfast. They gro on a low bush, and they gro so thick, that yu couldn't stik another one on, without knocking off two. They are about the size ov a dubble B shot, and when they are ripe, are az red az the eye of a wild pigeon. They are az sour az the blood ov a lemon, but plenty ov sugar kures them ov this malady. Currants are good green, ripe, and haff ripe, and are cheaper than herring, and not haff so full of bones. Thare iz a grate menny things i had rather do, in a hot day, than pik currants but i hav dun it all day, when i waz a boy, and got a ninepence at night for the job. I ain more than haff a century old now, but i kan look bak and see just how brite, and how big, one ov them ninepences used to be. A hundred dollars aint haff so mutch munny now, az they waz then. I wish i waz a boy agin, and knu ov life what i kno now, i would bind miself, if I could allwuss be a boy, to pik currants for a ninepence a day, az long az the currants held out.

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### *REFLEKT*

A jealous man iz allwuss anxious to beleave what he doubts the most.

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Too grate a luv ov popularity makes a munky ov a man.





next to a clear conscience,  
for solid comfort, comes  
an easy boot. =

Try both. Josh Billings



Don't despise your poor  
 relations. They may become  
 suddenly rich some day,  
 and then it will be awkward  
 to explain things to them.  
 Undoubtedly so. Josh Billings

30 Days.

JUNE.

1876.

Q.—Define a perfume.



*Five years John spent hunting tonicks,  
He drank all the kures in the land,  
And lost so mutch flesh he was forced  
To hold up his pants with each hand.*

A.—Rape ov the flower.

Q	U	Short Faks.
1	T	Signs ov warm-
2	F	ness ② ③ Δ Ruth
3	S	Comstok born
4	G	② 8 1786 2 8
5	M	8 Ruth Comstok ③
6	T	had the ‡ dispephay
7	W	≡ more rain ③
8	T	② Δ now expekt
9	F	litening rod ② ③
10	S	④ 3 venders
11	G	‡: hot but wet :‡
12	M	§ June bugs ¶ ④
13	T	Ω ¶ 3, have cum
14	W	more heat ② ± ④
15	T	Mark ④ Twain
16	F	9 is a funny kuss ‡
17	S	expekt hotness ③ ④
18	G	2 8 now bury ~
19	M	potatoes 8 ③ ④
20	T	③ ④ not so warm
21	W	④ Old Grimes ④
22	T	is ded ② ④ 2
23	F	hunt ‡ for Δ frogs
24	S	④ hind legs ④
25	G	thunder and ② ④
26	M	④ ③ litening
27	T	④ there is a ③
28	W	divinity shapet
29	T	③ our ends ≡ ④
30	F	

## TOP KNOTS.

He who elevates hiz profesahun  
iz the best mechanik, whether he  
preaches the gospel, peddles phis-  
ick, or skins eels for a living.



Lazyness iz a terrible burden  
to carry, and it iz one ov them  
kind ov burdens that yu kant  
dump, if you want to ever so  
mutch.



It aint no disgrace for a man to  
fall, but to lay thare, and grunt,  
iz.



An old man desperately in luv  
iz an objekt ov pitty, he iz az  
bad off. az a lost dog.

### *THE LITENING ROD MAN.*

Ever since Adam waz ordered to root, or perish, thare haz been an endless lot ov labor saving masheens, invented, az plenty, and menny ov them az useless, az tudstools in an old meadow. Theze invenshuns are generally pattented, and to be a good pattent rite vender, and sell a man an injun rubber litening rod, who haz allreddy got two, requires more genius, than to be consul to the Azore Islands. I have seen theze litening rod fellows sell a man a rod who wouldn't hav one at enny price, and after they had got hiz house all covered over with one, and got the munny for it, git one onto hiz barn, and pig pen, and git hiz note for them, with his nabors endorsement, for 9 months, with 7 per cent interest from date. I should be a miserable hand to sell a pattent rite miself, but just the rite kind ov a man to buy one. It iz a grate wonder that I dont own a dozen now, that would be az useless to enny boddy az a pair ov pattent crutches would be to a lame grasshopper. I hav got a grate deal ov pattent rite kuriosity in my compound, and am allways hanging around things that hav got a little mistery in them, but i suppoze i hav got a grate deal ov caushun too. But now I think ov it, kuriosity, and caushun, well mixt, are a hard thing to sell a pattent rite to.

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### *ESPOUSE.*

The fust 3 notes i endorsed i had to pay, and i hope it will be jiss so with the next 3.

—o—

'It aint no kredit for enny man, to work for nothing, and board himself.

31 Days.

JULY.

1876.

Q.—What are sagases?



Our pashunt now took to reading,  
He studdid the liver ov man,  
Untill he knu what ailed him,  
A heap less, than when he began.

A.—Dogsleds  
\* • \*

● II		Short Fakts.	RIGHT BOWERS.
1	S	Big-hotness ☉ ☿	Luv is the strongest pashun ov a woman's harte, she has got to luv sumthing, either a baby, a nu bonnet, a lap dog, or the heathen.
2	G	☿ ♀ Paul waz an	
3	M	apostle ☉ ☿ ☿	
4	T	☿ ☿ signs an ov ♀	I am allwuss more than haff afraid ov the man, who kant talk 5 minnits with me, on enny subjekt, without expressing grate anxiety about my soul.
5	W	☿ ☿ thunder ☉	
6	T	now destroy grass	
7	F	☿ Sam Perkins ☿	Go slo yung man, if yu tap both ends ov yure cider barrel at once, and draw out ov the bung hole besides; yure cider aint a going to hold out long.
8	S	died † 1836	
9	G	very mutch hot ☿	
10	M	☿ ☿ Sam Perkins	Eat hash washing days, and be thankfull for it, even if yu hav to shut both eyes to do it.
11	T	☿ waz † a † pharo ±	
12	W	-)[- dealer :-:	
13	T	☿ ☿ heat hottens	
14	F	☿ ☿ snakes ~ hav cum	
15	S	☿ ☿ ☿ ☿ ☿	
16	G	☿ 3 it rains ☿ ++	
17	M	Ward Beecher	
18	T	☿ is a preacher ☿	
19	W	☿ ☿ expekt ☿ ☿	
20	T	thunder ☿ ☿ ☿	
21	F	☿ ~ ☿ musketore	
22	S	☿ ☿ perforate ☿ ☿	
23	G	hotly ☿ ☿ cheuing	
24	M	gum   diskovered	
25	T	☿ ☿ 1596 ☿ ☿	
26	W	Adam waz our ☿	
27	T	☿ ☿ ☿ beginning	
28	F	☿ mutch ☿ hot ☿	
29	S	3 cheers ☿ ☿ ☿	
30	G	☿ ☿ ☿ for Adam	
31	M		

### *THE PEACH.*

Peaches and kream will convert enny man who iz worth saving. The peach haz a doun on them, like the doun on a maiden's cheek, but it aint haff so plezant to git onto the lips. Peach brandy iz made out ov the peach, this licker haz been called mellow, but like all other licker that i hav tried, it will lay out a saint, just az flatt az it will a sinner. The fakt ov it iz, thare aint no kind ov ardent rum, i dont kare how artless, and gentle the name ov it iz, or how ritch, and mello yu may call it, but what will throw him who wrassells with it, be he phool, or be he philospher. Thare iz only one piece ov humanity that kan stand ardent speerits, and he iz an injun, and he kant stand it, only just long enuff to git civilized. When peach brandy is fust made it iz az hot az a streak ov litening, and just about az sudden. I once drank a tea spoon full ov it warm from the still, and it waz 20 minnits be fore i could draw a long breath. I waz az hot inside az a chimney on fire. I thought it would brake out and blaze sum whare, but it didn't happen to.

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### *DIGEST.*

I konsider all profeshions that are honest, honorabell enuff, but i hav thought, that a travelling korn doktor, waz the last one i should adopt, just for the sake ov glory.



Thare iz one thing about a mule that i allwuss did like, the minnitt that you begin to flatter them, then they begin to kik.

31 Days.

AUGUST.

1876.

Q.—Define dispepity.



*John bought next a hord of hard wood,  
And saved like a man on a bet,  
It bent him dubble,—if it hadn't,—  
John would have sawed at it yet.*

A.—Nightmare ov the  
stumpik.

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## Short Fakts.

Mutch warm 1741

now consume

juleps 4 2 1

thunder showers

Pete Larkins 1741

absconds 1741

immense heat 4

now 4 4 4 4

pik geese

more hotter 2

Eve waz our (1)

fust mother

less 0 hot 4

fleas are here 4 4

big rain

pills diskovered 436

hot 13 seems 13

morely 1

now snatch 4 0

down oats

thunder 4 and

litening 4

Ben Franklin 3 4

waz a 4

s1p1e1m1d1t1h1r1f1t

expekt 1741 flies

Judas Iskariott 4

waz a 4 4 4

3 13 failure

## QUEEN BEES.

He who aims at perfekshun  
will probably miss the mark, but  
he who aims at nothing, iz sure  
to hit it every time.

The man who haz been waiting  
for the last 15 years, for sumthing  
to turn up, iz to work on the  
same job yet.

I had a grate deal rather be  
told that a man is virteuous, and  
honest, than to hear that hiz  
father is a member ov congress,  
or even that hiz grandfather, fit  
into the revolushun.

Men sumtimes hav doubts about  
their religion, and even honesty,  
but i never met one who doubted  
his shrewdness.

### *THE BUMBLE BEE.*

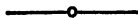
The bumble bee iz a kind ov big fly who goes muttering, and swareing around the lots, during the summer, looking after little boys to sting them, and stealing hunny out ov the dandylions, and thissells. He iz mad all the time about sumthing, and dont seem to kare a kuss what people think ov him. A skool boy will study harder enny time to find a bumble bees nest than he will to git hiz lesson in arithmetik, and when he haz found it, and got the hunny out ov it, and got badly stung into the bargain, he finds thare aint mutch margin in it. Next to poor mollassia, bumble bee hunny iz the poorest kind ov sweetmeats in market. Bumble bees hav allwuss been in fashion, and probably allwuss will be, but whare the fun, or profit lays in them, i never could cypher out. The profit dont seem to be in the hunny, nor in the bumble bee neither. They bild their nest in the ground, or enny whare else they take a noshun too, and aint afrade to fite a whole distrikt skool, if they meddle with them. I dont blame the bumble bee, nor enny other fellow, for defending hiz sugar, it iz the fust, and last Law ov natur, and i hope the law wont never run out. The smartest thing about the bumble bee iz their stinger.

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### *DISCUSS.*

Mice very seldum cum out ov a hole that iz clumsly watched.



I fully beleave in ghosts, but I never herd yet ov two persons seeing the same ghost, at the same time.



30 Days.

SEPTEMBER.

1876.

Q.—Define thunder.



*John's minister called on him now,  
His case exciting alarm,  
The good man sed, "John is all right,"  
Only go to work on a farm.*

A.—Lightning on a bust.

☾	☉	Short Facts.
1	F	☉ a Mildly ☐ ☉
2	S	now ~ ☿ crickets
3	G	simmer ☿ soft ☿ ☿
4	M	☿ Fred Johnsing
5	T	deceased ● ☿ Δ
6	W	☿ ☉ wind east
7	T	Johnsing waz ☿ ☿
8	F	☿ a barber ● ☉
9	S	now lift ☿ ☿
10	G	onions ☿ warm
11	M	☿ ☿ rane ± ☿
12	T	Chapin' ☿ is ☿ a
13	W	p*~e*a*c*h*e*r
14	T	● : mild : ☿
15	F	☿ September ☿
16	S	now the cuckoo
17	G	☿ ☿ ☿ hollers
18	M	expekt showers ☿
19	T	☿ ☿ Sim Darling
20	W	born 1492 * ~ ☿
21	T	● Δ ☿ "si quod
22	F	infantum" ☿ ☿
23	S	☿ much pleasant
24	G	now the lamb ☿
25	M	☿ ☿ bleats ☿ ☿
26	T	☿ ☿ ☿ weather
27	W	☿ ☿ ☿ weather
28	T	☿ ☿ ☿ weather
29	F	☿ ☿ ☿ weather
30	S	☿ ☿ ☿ weather

## UPPER KRUSTS.

The gratest bores in the world  
are those who are eternally trie-  
ing to prove to yu that 2, and 2,  
allwuss makes 4.

One ov the simplest ways to  
try men's men's faith iz, to ask  
them to subskibe for fixing up  
the meeting house.

Free luv is the science ov luv-  
ing sumbody else's wife more  
than yu do yure own, and trieing  
to preserve a good average,—it  
kant be did.

Stealing is the oldest sin on  
rekord,—stealing apples.

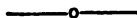
### *THE YELLO JACKET.*

The yello jacket iz ov the wasp purswashun, and iz about one size smaller than the common blak hornet, and iz az mutch hotter, in hiz coolest moments, than enny other bug, az jersey litening iz hotter than ice kream. They are the most krewel fighters in existence, and will hit a man, or beast, four times in a seckond, in the same spot. They are az yello az gold, and when they are good mad, they blaze like a kandle. When a yello jacket gits mad all the way through, he will fite a brush heap on fire, just az quick az he will a mile stun. I hav seen them pitch on to each other, and having killed their man, close up the fite by stinging themselves to death. Dont go near a yellow jacket's nest in the month of August, unless yure life iz insured, not even a hard shell Baptist, or a missionary, would be safe in that naborhood. They kant tell a friend from a foe, and I think would sting a potash kittle, a dozen times, and not mistrust it waz iron. They make homes for themselves out in the lots amungst the ploughed ground, and i hav seen them bile out ov their nests like a distrikt skool let out for noon, or a smothered fire, and pitching into the oxen, farmer, and plough, drive the whole party, on the jump, off from the premises.

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### *EMBRACE.*

Most men are like vinegar, the older they gro, the sourer they git.



Lazy men, and black ants, are allwuss hunting for a job.



There iz no phum in getting  
kikt fi a mule, but there  
iz lots or phum in knowing  
that he kant do it agin=  
How is this, Josh Bellings



Falling in luv, is like  
falling down stairs.—we  
never can tell exactly how  
the thing was did.=  
In Haste, Josh Billings

31 Days.

OCTOBER.

1876.

Q.—Describe old maid.  
+ 0 R

*Our hero soon found out a place,  
With a farmer, kind hearted indeed,  
Who let him ho corn for nothing,  
And only charged John for his feed.*

A.—Embers from which the  
sparks have fled.

1 G  
2 M  
3 T  
4 W  
5 T  
6 F  
7 S  
8 G  
9 M  
10 T  
11 W  
12 T  
13 F  
14 S  
15 G  
16 M  
17 T  
18 W  
19 T  
20 F  
21 S  
22 G  
23 M  
24 T  
25 W  
26 T  
27 F  
28 S  
29 G  
30 M  
31 T

## Short Facts.

8 II • Jack  
Frosty 6 3 •  
¶ now ¶ hunt ¶  
butternuts 9 Δ.  
¶ cool but wet •  
John Bunyan ○  
‡ † was a pilgrim  
• more cool •  
now trap ± •  
¶ 6 for rats §  
¶ wind northy •  
apple sass 7 Δ ¶  
9 | invented 986  
wet but cool 9 □  
~ 10 × now jerk  
turnips 4 Δ ¶  
Δ ¶ more |—|  
moistly 12 9  
sun in ☉ apogee  
: frosty now :  
‡ destroy 8 early ¶  
\* pork ¶  
sum snow 8 ¶  
¶ | Dan Barker  
kikt the bucket 6  
1691 8 2  
koldy Δ now  
smash ☉ wood □  
muskeeters akarse\*

## MORNING STARS.\*

Seckond luv, iz like a seckond  
case ov the measles, the pashunt  
iz sure to allwuss hav it light.

—oo—

Yu kant hire a man to be hon-  
est, if yer do, he will want his  
wages raised every morning.

—oo—

Thare iz a grate deal ov religion  
in this world that iz like a life  
preserver, only put on at the  
moment ov extreme danger, and  
then half the time put on hind  
side before.

—oo—

Most people are like an egg,  
too full of themselves to hold  
enny more.

### *THE YANKEE PEDLAR.*

Probably the sharpest man that the world haz been blest with thus far iz the natral born Yankee pedlar. He takes to the bizzness just az handy az a yung duk takes to the water, who haz been hatched out by mistake amung a lot ov hen's eggs. He kan see just whare the profit lies in a dicker, and aint afrade to invest hiz whole pile, at a minnitt's notiss, in an assorted lot ov goose yokes. He begins life yung, and like the bizzy ant, gits up arly, and eats on the run. Az long az he keeps honest he iz sure to sukceed, but sumtimes hiz genius iz too mutch for hiz integrity, and every boddy gits to be az frade ov him, az they are ov a hornet. The hornet iz the smartest bug in kreashun, but haint got no friends. The world luv's to be cheated, but they want to hav it dun bi an honest man, and not bi a hornet, and then they never seem to git tired ov it. I hav seen Yankee pedlars who allwus cheated every boddy they traded with, but they allwuss did it so honest, and square, that every boddy seemed to be happy when their turn cum. But the old fashioned Yankee pedlar, with his little red painted kart, and bobtail pony, like the letterings on the mile stuns, iz fast fading away.

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### *SEIZE.*

Stik and hang yung man, it iz the last six inches in a race that allwuss wins the munny.

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If yu want to find out just how mean, and dishonest, yu hav allwuss been, git a nominashun, and run for sum offiss.

30 Days.

NOVEMBER.

1876.

Q.—What are oaths?



A.—Sin in italicks

*John read in a hand bill somewhere,  
That salt water was shure to save him,  
So he went forthwith to Long Branch,  
And hired a man to bathe him.*

K

T

Short Fakte.

EARLY BIRDS.

1 W

Kold but sour ㄣ

2 T

ㄣ now worry

3 F

the fires ㄣ \* ㄣ

4 S

sno | 9 | foot ●

5 G

□ ++ ㄣ deep

6 M

Zeke † Rathbun

7 T

failed 1862 ㄣ ㄣ

8 W

kold 2† ㄣ grows

9 T

ㄣ Zeke waz in ㄣ

10 F

ㄣ . 8 ㄣ ㄣ

11 S

the pea nut ㄣ ●

12 G

ㄣ ~ ㄣ professhun

13 M

grate kold ㄣ ㄣ

14 T

ㄣ ㄣ now ㄣ ㄣ

15 W

mastikate ㄣ ㄣ ㄣ

16 T

± ㄣ ㄣ

17 F

ㄣ ham and egg

18 S

kolder :: † ㄣ

19 G

ㄣ avoid ㄣ tite \*

20 M

ㄣ boots ㄣ

21 T

sno inkreases ㄣ ㄣ

22 W

ㄣ ~ Satan is ㄣ

23 T

ㄣ ㄣ ㄣ

24 F

a ㄣ mean 3 kuss

25 S

it ~ thaws

26 G

mutch kold ㄣ ㄣ

27 M

ㄣ ● hitch up to

28 T

the fire ㄣ ㄣ ㄣ

29 W

ㄣ ㄣ ㄣ

30 T

ㄣ ㄣ ㄣ

Thoze who are too proud to  
enquire what a thing kosts when  
they buy it, are the fust ones to  
find fault when they cum to pay  
for it.

Kards, whiskey, and hoss race-  
ing, bring all men down to the  
same level.

If a man writes for fame, the  
less he writes, the better.

When a man meazzures out  
glory for himself, he allwuss heaps  
the haff bushel.

### *THE KUNTRY HOSS JOCKEY.*

For a red hot speciality, yu hav got to hunt kreashun cluss, to find an equal, to the kuntry hoss jockey. He iz allwuss a man ov plezant temperament, vain ov hiz opinyuns, often ov more fancy than judgement, and quik to decide. He haz but little real affecksun for a hoss, and only luvs him, for the cheat that iz in him. He iz allwuss reddey to trade for enny thing, from a yerling kolt, to the kavalry hoss that Gen Butler rode, at the battle ov Brandywine. He never knows when he gits cheated, and ever thinks, that the last nag he got, iz the best one he ever owned. He iz not bothered with too mutch conscience, and would az soon lay out a travelling preacher in a swop, az hiz own father-in-law, and do it without enny malice, but just for the honor ov the profesum. I dont kno whi it iz, that a man kan trade cows and be pious, or swop oxen, and be a good deakon, or even negoshiate dogs, and be lookt upon favourably, but when he goes into the hoss trading enterprize, if he kant cheat, he haz mistaken hiz calling, and aint happy. The hoss jockey iz sumtimes honest from policy, and the man who iz simply honest from policy, needs az mutch watching az a hive ov bees do, who are just gitting reddey to swarm.

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### *DISKOUNT.*

If yu want to find out the utter weakness ov munny, just try to hire a dubble tooth to stop akeing.

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A boy will learn to sware well, in just haff the time it takes to learn the 10 commands.



31 Days.

DECEMBER.

1876.

Q—What is a fiddle?

D 3 2

A—A tickish thing.  
D 8 7

*John kept growing wusser and wuss,  
Thinner, and thinner each day,  
At last he was nothing but mist,  
And an East wind blu him away.*

1 F  
2 S  
3 G  
4 M  
5 T  
6 W  
7 T  
8 F  
9 S  
10 G  
11 M  
12 T  
13 W  
14 T  
15 F  
16 S  
17 G  
18 M  
19 T  
20 W  
21 T  
22 F  
23 S  
24 G  
25 M  
26 T  
27 W  
28 T  
29 F  
30 S  
31 G

## Short Fakte.

1 ~ 1 Raw kold  
2 now whissell 6 \*  
3 12 in your kats  
4 more snowy 0 0  
5 12 Sue Benson  
6 died 1812 ++ 0  
7 6 expekt 0 snow  
8 Sue 1 was 1 a \* flirt  
9 mutch raw 6 Δ  
10 2 3 now  
11 con::glom::e:rate  
12 6 sassage 0  
13 wind north ~ 1  
14 0 ± Noah 1 1  
15 owned Y the Ψ ark  
16 0 0 it 12 snows  
17 let her snow ? 0  
18 6 0 8 hansum is  
19 az hansum duz 0  
20 0 :~: 0  
21 ± quite snowfull ~  
22 now slay \* 12  
23 0 12 12 turkeys  
24 Noah 0 Webster  
25 6 bilt the 6  
26 dikshionary 12 0 Δ  
27 12 12 12  
28 may we all meet  
29 12 Y 0 next year  
30 Good-BYE ! ! ! !

## MIXT PHOOD.

Whiskey makes a grate menny  
wize men to day, and phools  
tomorrow.

Persons who marry after a long  
and tejus courtship, go into bizz-  
ness with just about the same  
alakraty, that an old plough hoss  
jogs to church on sunday.

Kuriosity is the same in all  
people, the vulgar stare, and the  
refined peek thru a krak.

It is sed that men will tell the  
truth when they are drunk, but  
sutch folks will lie more than  
enuff to ballance the akount,  
just az soon az they git sober.

*PREVAILING SENTIMENTS OF  
THE PRESS.*

Josh Billings still lives, and his Allminax for 1877 iz full  
ov joy for the sad, and rest for the weary.

*Atlantik Monthly.*

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How natural, how happy, how concise, how forcible,  
it is, Josh Billings' Allminax for 1877.

*Appleton's Journal.*

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Welcome, sweet morsel of delight, ever funny, and  
ever profound, Josh Billings' Farmer's Allminax for the  
current year.

*Harpers' Bassar.*

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Bully for you Josh, hit 'em agin, slay, and spare not,  
may you outlive Methuseler, and not haul in your gang  
plank until Gabriel cries, "All a board."

*Springfield Republican.*

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Aroma of lovelyness, perfume of joy, essence of til-  
tilation, breath of beauty, seance of bliss, Josh Billings'  
Allminax for 1877.

*Lady's Book.*

31 Days.

JANUARY.

1877.

Q.—How is yure mother-  
in-law?  $\Delta$   
r  
o  
w

*Hawk eyed, and spiling for a fight,  
If enny one thinks they han lick him,  
Just let them put up the spondulicks,  
And trot out the other game chicken.*

A.—Pretty well i thank yu,  
how is yurest?  $\Delta$   
r  
y  
z

	Items.	PETS.
1 M	$\Delta$ Now dig ice	A man with mutch welth, and no pedigree, should do az the bob tailed kats do, set down on himself, and keep still.
2 T	$\Delta$ kold $\Delta$ but	
3 W	raw $\Delta$ $\Delta$ measles	
4 T	discovered 1312 $\Delta$	
5 F	$\Delta$ * snowfull * $\Delta$	Tricks upon travellers are all- wuss dangerous experiments, i hav known a ded hornet to wake up sudden, and sting just once more.
6 S	Adam fell $\Delta$ hard	
7 G	::: wind north $\Delta$	
8 M	$\Delta$ Enok Jones died	
9 T	$\Delta$ 1102 — more	Familiarity iz a dangerous ex- periment, the most familiar thing in the whole world iz a puppy, and the oftenest stept on.
10 W	snow $\Delta$ Enok <	
11 T	$\Delta$ Jones was a free	
12 F	lover * * sighns !!	
13 S	ov melting ( $\Delta$ ) now	This is my plan,—to beleave all things that i hear, but to put mi faith, and munny, in but few.
14 G	destroy sum — $\Delta$	
15 M	hogs $\Delta$ it rains $\Delta$	
16 T	$\Delta$ litening $\Delta$ bugs	
17 W	just seen 956 $\Delta$ (!)	
18 T	$\times$ Inkreasing snow	
19 F	$\Delta$ mormonism $\Delta$	
20 S	Invented 1832 $\Delta$ *	
21 G	$\Delta$ snow 4 feet	
22 M	deep * now the $\Delta$	
23 T	[ $\Delta$ ] muskeeter [ $\Delta$ ]	
24 W	lies $\Delta$ $\Delta$ dreaming	
25 T	$\Delta$ cold $\Delta$ $\Delta$ $\Delta$	
26 F	morely $\Delta$ $\Delta$ $\Delta$	
27 S	$\Delta$ now — the	
28 G	$\Delta$ : $\Delta$ kat $\Delta$ $\Delta$	
29 M	huggeth the $\Delta$ $\Delta$	
30 T	— $\Delta$ $\Delta$ stove	
31 W		

### SUM ABRUPT LETTERS.

*Dear Bob.*—The most disgusting kriter to me, in the whole ov the United States ov Amerika, iz an overgrown boy, ov about fifteen summers, who haz bekum the terror ov the whole family, and spends hiz spare time hammering the cow, and stirring up the pig, and chickens. If the father, or father-in-law, ov one ov these youths, will lend him to me, if i dont civilize him, or kill him in ninety days, i will agree to forfit 50 dollars, and the cloth for a new alpaca dress.

P.S.—Send on the boy at once, at mi expense, i am just now out ov a job.—J.B.

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*Dear Steve.*—It iz hard work to be in luv, and not akt phoolish, but luv iz the only thing i kno ov that makes pholly excusable. Luv haz made sum kind ov a phool ov every man it haz attacked since the days ov Adam, and it made the biggest kind ov a phool ov him. Wisdom, and ambishun iz no protekshun aginst the disseaze, for Soloman evaporated before it like the dew before the morning sun, and even good old David wilted like the hewn grass.

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*Dear Hank.*—When yu strike ile pull out yure auger at onst, and begin to barrell the ile, menny a man haz kept on untill he bored klean thru and sum other phellow kaught the grease at the bottom.

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### BULBS.

Ministers often point out to us, poor sinners, the strate, and narrow gauge, az the only way to git to heaven, while they hav got a private turnpike ov their own that 2.40 kan be made on.

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Waiting to be whipt iz the most uninteresting period in boyhood life.

28 Days.

FEBRUARY.

1877.

Q.—What is the smartest thing  
that a man can do?

*An ugly lump is the Tarrier Bull,  
For fighting allwais ruddy,  
With Mike O'Rourke he travels,  
And his name is one eyed Teddy.*

A.—To drink pepper sauce.

C O

Items.

VAGRANTS.

1 T The kold —  
2 F chatters — Bill  
3 S Comstock deceased  
4 G !! 1746 □ sighn ov  
5 M snow ● Bill ○  
6 T Comstock died ov  
7 W ¶ § a broken heart  
8 T more koldful ○ ¶  
9 F † Bill Comstock Ω  
10 S tried to lift a ¶ Y  
11 G ton \* kolder \* but  
12 M couldn't † Δ snow  
13 T ¶ falls — sun in  
14 W apogee ● bitter §  
15 T kold ¶ rats are  
16 F skarse Ω it storms  
17 S C-h-r-i-s-t-o-p-h-e-r  
18 G Columbus ○ ¶  
19 M discovered □  
20 T Amerika Δ koldness  
21 W waxes :~: now ¶  
22 T ¶ \* the + Ω  
23 F bull frog — holds  
24 S [○] hiz tung \* —  
25 M snow rages Δ Sam  
26 T :|: Patch died |||  
28 W poor \* 1837 \* ¶

Life aint mutch more than a farce enny how, but it iz quite necessary that the play should go on, and the farce be well ackted.

The man whoze ambishun iz simply to liv, iz of no more importanse in this world, than an extra rat iz.

If Adam and Eve had remained in the garden ov Eden untill to day, they would hav simply been two fat, overgrown babys.

The gratest cumfort i hav seen in marrid life waz whare one ov the partys wanted everything their own way, and the other party waz willing they should hav it.

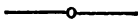
### *THE ALLIGATOR.*

The alligator iz an original kritter, a chip of the old block, and az ugly to kontemplate az a congo darkey. They are residents ov Florida, and gro 12 feet, and nine inches and then halt. Their teeth are all tushes, and their mouth iz az full ov them az a buzz saw iz. Their eys are sot up, and down, in their hed like a chinamans, and they hav an appetight equal to 18 distrikt skool masters. They are the krokerdiles ov Amerika, and lay eggs az eazy az a hen duz, but dont kackle when they cum oph from the nest. They are grate cowards but aint afrade ov yung pork, or little darkeys, and kan eat all the time, or go without eating, az long az a gold fish kan. The alligator waz made for sum usefull purpose, but like the muskeeter, the bedbugg, and the kokroach, their usefulness haz been karephully hid from us. Yu kan shoot a hundred alligators a day on the St. Johns river, but you kant bag one, and thare aint enny more game in them, than thare iz in a rotten log. They are long lived, and liv, if mi memory serves me right, 4 thousand years, and their grate strength lays in their tails. They hiss when they are angry like a tea kittle, and want az mutch room to turn round in az a fore and aft skooner.

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### *DEW DROPS*

I hav known whiskey to make a man generous, but when he got sober agin, he would git square with himself, bi being meaner than ever.



The man who iz rekless ov hiz life holds it at just about its market value.

81 Days.

MARCH.

1877.

Q.—What are the 2 luxuries  
ov life?

*Darwin sez, we hail from the munky,  
And Darwin knows all about this thing,  
But while i respect mi poor relashuns,  
From whitch, pray tell me, did the munky spring.*

A.—Easy boots and a snug  
conscience.

Day	Day	Items.	NUTMEGS.
1	T	It blows ○ Δ	
2	F	(w) Robert Burns	Enny man kan beat me out
3	S	○ wrote poetry ●	ov mi munny, and mi opinyuns,
4	G	more wind 11 ○	eazy enuff, but no man kan beat
5	M	* Fulton was * a	me out ov mi faith.
6	T	○ steambote a	
7	W	● ○ Capting	
8	T	— wind travels —	
9	F	around loose v	
10	S	○ I now set hens	One ov the most unhappy
11	G	○ kold and raw ○	kritters in this world iz a neg-
12	M	kongress sits 1 more	lekted pet, they are wuss off
13	T	○ windy ● Bob	than a vagrant.
14	W	Fletcher ○ loved	
15	T	not ○ wisely * but	
16	F	too well × Bob	
17	S	○ Fletcher loved	
18	G	whiskey & wind &	The middle course iz the best,
19	M	Easy * Bonaparte	even a moderate deakon iz bet-
20	T	○ was a ~ m	ter than a red hot one.
21	W	○ Frenchman ○	
22	T	○ rain & with	
23	F	— w-i-n-d —	
24	S	buty ~ is	
25	G	short lived ○ 2	Yung man, dont ask enny
26	M	● it blows 3 th	favours, it iz better to hav the
27	T	— Δ 2 a now	world owe yu 10 dollars, and
28	W	○ twitch teeth &	finally git cheated out ov it,
29	T	more ○ 11 &	than to owe them one.
30	F	— ○ d wind &	
31	S		

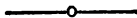
### *THE LOAFER.*

The loafer is a thing who iz willing to be dispized for the privilege ov abusing others. He occupys all grades in sosisy from the judge on the bench clear down to the ragged kritter who leans against the lamp posts, and fites flies in August. He haz no pride that iz worthy, and no delikasy that enny boddy kan hurt. During his boyhood he kills katas, and robs all the hens nests in the naborhood. During hiz middle life he begs all the tobacco he uses, and drinks all the cheap whiskey he kan at sumboddy else's expense. During hiz old age he winters in the alms houses, and summers in the sugar hogsheds, and when he cums to die, he iz buried in a dich, like an omnibuss horse, with hiz old shuze on. The loafer cares nothing for publik opinyun, and this alone, will make enny man a loafer. The loafer rather covets disgrace, and when a man gits az low down az this, he haz got az low down az he kan git in this world without digging. We hav no reliable ackount ov the fust loafer, and probably shant hav ov the last one, but in mi opinyun, they hav existed just about az long az man haz. If Cain want a loafer, pray what waz he?

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### *TIT BITS.*

Woman hav allwuss been more than a match for man, Adam held the best kards, but he didn't kno how to play them well.



Thare iz one trait ov the human karakter that the devil himself must envy, and that iz, the more we hav injured a man, the more we dispize him.



30 Days.

APRIL.

1877.

Q.—Who just struck ile?

Δ  
Σ  
□

*Long, lank, lean, and lemon colored,  
An orphan, without friends, or place,  
A target for every ones brick bat,  
The yaller dog runs a dusty race.*

A.—Jonah  
Δ  
Σ  
□

●	♀	Items.	BIRDLINGS.
1	G	● Pensive showers	One of the most diskouraging features ov modern civilizashun, iz the average kuntry hotel.
2	M	○ April Phool Δ	
3	T	begot 896 ○ Δ	
4	W	1:1: ++ more wetness	
5	T	● Babes in the Δ	Mankind luv to be cheated, but they want to hav it dun bi an artist.
6	F	woods Δ () ⊕ lost	
7	S	1122 (†) wind ○	
8	G	‡ south Σ now the	
9	M	* ♀ frogs squeal	The most kritikal people to suit, are thozе who board at the alms houses.
10	T	○ sum more Δ ‡	
11	W	wetness (‡) now Σ	
12	T	Δ investigate Σ for	
13	F	hens eggs Δ a ‡	Thare may be sutch a thing az a man who haz stole once, and then quit, but i hav not the honor ov hiz acquaintanse.
14	S	* Σ kloudless day ‡	
15	G	Peter Bacon died	
16	M	1492 ++ ⊕ cool but	
17	T	* pretty ○ Peter □	
18	W	Δ ○ Bacon had no	
19	T	mother (‡) in law	
20	F	wind veers northy ○	
21	S	Σ ‡ now the gentle	
22	G	~ kokroach Δ □	
23	M	cometh Σ sum more	
24	T	○ wet ⊕ Amos ⊕	
25	W	Δ ● Bostwick born	
26	T	⊕ 1827 1 1/2 hard □	
27	F	showers ⊕ Amos ‡	
28	S	Bostwick ⊕ had but	
29	G	Δ Δ II one eye Δ	
30	M		

## ARTIKLES OV FAITH.

Heaven bless the stummuk ake, if it want for this,  
menny ov us deakons wouldn't hav no good excuse  
for hot rum.

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The saddest ov all sights sad in this world, iz a child  
with a broken spirit.

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Man kant make cirkumstances, but he kan take them  
bi the horns, insted ov the tale.

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Dont parade yure sorrows before the world, but bury  
them az the dogs do their old bones, and then growl if  
enny boddy offers to dig them up.

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Klubs are a place whare most people go to git rid ov  
themselves,

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A trained child to me iz a kind ov horror, i like to see  
them rekless with innosense.

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The boy who iz pikt out to be the genius ov the family  
is allwuss sure to be the biggest dohed in the whole lot.



The only way to tie a phool  
out, is to listen to him,  
and agree to every thing  
he sez =

Affekshonately Josh Ballinger



I have seen men load a double  
barrell gun clear up to the  
muzzle, to kill a shipping  
bird with, and get knocked  
over heels, when the gun went  
off, - and miss the bird besides, -  
a literal fact, Josh Billings

81 Days.

MAY.

1877.

Q.—What kind ov a pen  
do plagiarists use?

*Thou newell!—thou art mi horror,—  
Desaitfull, and dang'rous knitter,—  
As humbly as satan himself,  
And besides a pison hitter.*

\*—A steel pen.  
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Q. P.		Items.	SHADOWS.
1	T	Butiful ☞ May ±	After a man has reached the hight ov hiz ambishun the fust thing he duz, iz to be disgusted with it.
2	W	☞ now the m tud	
3	T	murmurs ☞ ☞ soft	
4	F	showers (☞) Kate	
5	S	Sturgiss admitted *	—oo—
6	G	1842 ☞ ☞ Kate	
7	M	Stuigis ☞ was a ☞	
8	T	doktriss m more *	
9	W	hazy ☞ now prepare	It aint safe to endorse enny- body, we kant even tell ourselves what kind ov a man we shall be on the 25th day of next june.
10	T	☞ for arly lettiss	
11	F	☞ rain 3 munny iz	
12	S	tite ☞ brite and ☞	
13	G	*klear ☞ Solaman	—oo—
14	M	Δ ☞ had wisdum	
15	T	klearing weather ☞	
16	W	now probe * for ☞	
17	T	☞ ☞ hoss radish	I prefer the gravity ov the owl to the loquacity ov the maggie, it iz better to look wize, than to talk phoolish.
18	F	☞ ☞ sum more ☞ ☞	
19	S	☞ ☞ rainness ☞	
20	G	☞ ☞ Jabez Tucker	
21	M	☞ obituated ☞ ☞	—oo—
22	T	1776 ☞ ☞ a ☞	
23	W	☞ ☞ ☞ sweet day	
24	T	Jabez fit ☞ ☞ ☞	
25	F	(☞) and died (☞)	The cheapest and best way to convince a phool, is to agree with him.
26	S	☞ ~ into the Δ	
27	G	revolushun ☞ ☞	
28	M	☞ ☞ ☞ more rain	
29	T	now insert ☞ ☞	
30	W	☞ onion seed -☞-	
31	T		

### SHORT REPLYs.

*Dear Luke.*—I kant bear to see enny man strike a dog, i kno dogs are full ov fleas, but i kno they are full ov affeckshun too. I am very sad when i think that affeckshun iz no protekshun to man, nor kritter in this kold, and ironklad world. It would seem that a lamb ought to git along thru life more fluently than a hornet duz, but they duzzent, and i also notiss that the most suckcessful hornets are those who are bilt with a stinger on both ends ov them. I love the lambs, but respekt the hornets.

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*Dear Mose.*—All the humorst that i am acquainted with are sad, and sober kusses. I never knu a fust rate humorist who waz a good laffer, they are willing to make other people laff, but prefer themselves to stand by and look on. If Mark Twain should be kaught laffing, hiz friends would immejately put him to bed and send for hiz family physician. Nasby, the grate politikal satirist, waz never known to snile but once, and then he, and Pogram, were in the bak end ov the groserly at the cross-roads, but the cauze ov hiz mirth iz a profound sekret to this day. The best laffers i hav ever knu, whare those who lafft at their own jokes.

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### SPLINTERS.

If yu are determined to bet enny how, bet yure bottom dollar the fust time, and then go into sum more respekt-able bizness.

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There are no weeds in this world that wilt so quick, az the weeds ov the widower.

80 Days.

JUNE.

1877.

Q.—What iz yure favourite name for a Boy? &amp; c



*The poodle is a frowzy bird,  
A hiding place for fleas, and varmin,  
Wimmin lug them round for pets,  
And call them "luy," and "duv," and "charming."*

A.—George Washington, Lafayette, Napoleon, Ulysses Grant. &amp;

3	Items.	POSTSKRIPTS.
1 F	8 Luvly moments	The man who iz eazily influenced and yet wont be advised, iz a dredphull hard kriter to steer.
2 S	⊙ wind bammy ⊙	
3 G	june bugs are Δ ⊙	
4 M	8 here 1 very wet	
5 T	Patience Burbanks	
6 W	⊙ 8 run 8 away	Necessity iz the very best gift ov heaven, without it poor human natur would only be a herd ov loafers.
7 T	1840 13 sun hot *	
8 F	8 3 Patience fled	
9 S	with 3 a 8 pedlar ⊙	
10 G	⊙ 8 hot showers	
11 M	8 the 8 violet 8 haz 8	What a man gits for nothing, he iz very apt to value at just about what it kost.
12 T	8 cum 184 8 gentle	
13 W	softness 8 prevails	
14 T	8 now 3 jerk 8	
15 F	8: lettiss 8 sum 8:	
16 S	wet 8: 8 now pik	Opportunitys are like birds, they will slip out ov yure hands if yu giv them haff a chance.
17 G	the goose 8 more Δ	
18 M	8 softness 8 8 fleas	
19 T	diskcovered 1309 8	
20 W	hotness exists 8 8	
21 T	expekt pak pedlars	
22 F	8 8 wind rizes 8	
23 S	8 8 Sam Brewster	
24 G	elekted constable 8	
25 M	8 1865 8 sighns ov	
26 T	drough 8 be kind	
27 W	8 Δ to your mother	
28 T	in law 8 8 very hot	
29 F	—now-stik—in-beans	
30 S		

### *THE SPIDER.*

One ov the most ingenious, and hardest workers among the whole lot ov little bugs in kreashun iz the common spider. They will do more work on a web, in six hours, than a man could do in his whole life time, and do a mutch better job into the bargain. Spiders are the meanest reptiles that hang around the footstool, for they are the only ones that i kan think ov now, that set traps for their viktims. They are az mean az a man in this respekt. Thare iz no fun in a spider, he iz az lonesum az a mizer, he spends hiz whole life making webs, and watching them, and allways lays at the mouth ov hiz hole, reddy to back in out ov danger. A man will go out ov hiz way rather than step on a kricket, and would rather skare a fly than kill him, az sazzzy az he iz, but he goes for a spider with both feet, and seems to feel melan-kolly if he happens to miss him. Spiders hav no friends in this world, and the reason must be bekauze their naturs are viscious, and cunning. Theze two traits will make even man an outlaw, and they akt just the same way on the spider. I dispize the spider, and aint afraid to tell him so.

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### *DREGS.*

Every man thinks he iz the principal bull frog in the puddle, and rather than argy the case, i am willing to think so too.

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Mizery luvs company but iz allwuss jealous,—there never waz a man yet but what thought hiz lame back waz a good deal lamer than hiz nabors.



31 Days.

JULY.

1877.

Q—What iz a mint julep?



*Full of cunning, and low deceit,  
With stolen cream, and chickens fat,  
Sweetly in dreams he lays at yure feet,  
Judas Iskariott, in shape ov a kat.*

A—A refuge for cheap whiskey, n. n.

		Items.	VAPOR.
1	G	¶ Warm hotness	
2	M	Δ now the frog Δ	The man who gits hiz edu-
3	T	sweats (●) thunder	kashun from the daily papers,
4	W	* ¶ and litening	if he happens to miss one, haz
5	T	♀ Amos Jones ¶ ±	lost all he iz a going to kno for
6	F	Ω sloped δ 1839	the next 24 hours.
7	S	south wind ● ○	
8	G	Amos waz a wood-	—○○—
9	M	sawyer ● more hot	
10	T	⊕ ● now borrow	The hardest man to convince
11	W	⊕ umbrellers ♀ ×	in an argument iz the one who
12	T	thunder ¶ showers	alwuss sez "yes" to everything
13	F	let us hav Δ Δ	yu say.
14	S	peace ● inkreasing	—○○—
15	G	hotness 3 now pik	
16	M	○++ green corn ¶	I would rather a boy ov mine
17	T	wind southly —	would be haff full ov deviltry,
18	W	Ω ± virtew iz its	than chuck full gravity,—but i
19	T	l own reward ♢ very	haint got enny boy yu know.
20	F	dusty ♀ now inhale	
21	S	juleps δ □ hot grows	—○○—
22	G	Mary Walker ¶ ¶	
23	M	⊕ born (!) 1840	The road to ruin iz down hill,
24	T	kloudy × Mary had	and McAdamized at that.
25	W	⊕ a little ⊕ lam	
26	T	cooler ♀ Job waz	
27	F	¶ Δ a pashunt ♢	
28	S	fellow. ¶ very hot	
29	G	¶ ♀ now chew δ	
30	M	ice ⊕ ⊕ go slow	
31	T		

### *THE MILKSOP.*

The milksop iz a human being who has not the stamina ov a man, nor the weakness ov a woman. He iz a hibrid ov the nuter gender, without karakter enuff to make him respekted, or dispized. These kind ov pholks are inno-sent enuff if they are well watched, but they need az mutch watching az a blind baby duz. They occupy quarters about haff way between a phool, and an ideot. If milksops would only keep still but few would suspekt them, but how strange it iz, that the thinner a man iz, the more anxious he iz to get into a strong light.

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### *THE MIZER.*

The mizer digs hiz heart out hollow to stow away hiz munny in. He akumulates bi littles, and never opens hiz harte, only on a krak, to let another shilling in. An old mizer iz a sad sight enuff, but next to an ideot, a yung mizer iz the most revolting thing on earth. Mizers enjoy what they dont use, looze what they save, and die possessed ov the only treasure that iz ov no use to them. The most terrible sarkasm iz a mizers phuneral, the heir often makes it gorgeous, and expensiv, and then pitches hedlong into the pile the old phool haz left.

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### *CHALK MARKS.*

Advice iz generally like the bred and cheese we giv to beggars, thrown over into the fust vacant lot they cum to.

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Bigots, enthusiasts, and clothes pins, all hav the same sized heds on them.

31 Days.

AUGUST.

1877.

Q.—Please to define duty?



Short haired, and nervous as a ghost,  
Answering to "Bill," or "Ned" or "Fan,"  
Death on rats, and sirloin steak,  
Behold the sparkling, Black and Tan.

A.—Duty is a blank cartridge.

D	W	Items.	COQUETS.
1	W	Fiery hot ☞ now	I have seen men load a gun klean up to the muzzle to kill a chipping bird with, and git knokt hed over heels when the gun went off, and miss the bird besides.
2	T	☞ the kow pants	
3	F	☞ thunder with 2	
4	S	litening ☞ Bill ☞	
5	G	Δ ☞ Sprauge died	
6	M	1500 ☞ more hot !	The man who livs the life ov a toadey iz a kind ov human spit box.
7	T	Bill Sprauge waz ☞	
8	W	☞ a fiddler ☞ hotter	
9	T	Bill fiddled 3 with !	
10	F	☞ hiz left hand ☞	
11	S	heavy rain ☞ ☞	Yu will find plenty ov folks who are red hott to hunt tigers and wild kats, only muzzle the kussid krittters, and put them 10 or fifteen miles off.
12	G	☞ sun in apogee ☞	
13	M	more cool ☞ new ☞	
14	T	☞ keep cool ☞ hot	
15	W	the grasshopper *	
16	T	☞ ☞ ☞ is a burden	The man who haz got nothing but the truth to tell allwuss uses the fust words he kan lay hiz hands on.
17	F	☞ ☞ ☞ is a burden	
18	S	☞ more hot ☞ 2	
19	G	Moses waz a ☞ ☞	
20	M	~ meek man ☞ hot	
21	T	wetness ☞ the ☞	
22	W	rackcoon iz ☞ ☞	
23	T	☞ a kuss ☞ Sarah	
24	F	☞ ☞ Pettibone born	
25	S	☞ 1846 ☞ red hot ☞	
26	G	Sarah waz kross ☞	
27	M	eyed ☞ ☞ still ☞	
28	T	☞ hotter ☞ ☞ in the	
29	W	☞ ☞ midst ov ☞	
30	T	* life * we * are *	
31	F	3 in death ☞ ☞	

### *L A Z Y N E S S .*

Lazyness seems to be az natral az onions, and just about az helthy too. The lame, and the lazy, hav allwuss been provided for, sumboddy haz allwuss waited on them, and sumboddy allwuss will. I dont luv lazy pholks, i dont even respekt them, but i kant help but admire the way they eat. I never knu a lazy man that didn't hav a good appetight and a square digestion. Lazyness iz the fust law ov natur, and for that reazon is entitled to sum respekt. Lazy folks are allwuss good natured, i hav seen them so docile that they wouldn't fite flies. Lazyness iz often mistaken for shifflessness, but thare iz az much diffrence az thare iz between a hornet, and a fly. I had rather watch two raskalls than one shiffless kuss. There are sum things that will hurry lazyness, but death is the only sure kure for shifflessness.

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### *L A F F T E R .*

Laffter iz the joy ov the soul comeing to the surface to hav a good time. The mule kant laff, and the devil wont. Laffing iz az natral az the meazles, and allmost as ketching, but the man who will laff when he dont feel like it, iz a grate koward to say the least, and may be a grate villain. Next to logick, to prove things, cums laffing, and the hardest man for ennyboddy, or enny thing, to beat, iz he who laffs at every thing.

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### *G I M B L E T S .*

I hav figgered onto it, and find that civilizashun kosts about 90 cents on the dollar.



One quarrellsum dog will demoralize all the curs in hiz naborhood.

30 Days.

SEPTEMBER.

1877.

Q.—Who is the best lawyer?



*What he hant steal must be tied down,  
Ever redde to caw, and to go,  
Thare's nothing so full ov the devil,  
As the life, and labors, ov a tame crow.*

A.—He who does the least business.

d	s	Items.	MISFITS.
1	S	○ Delitesum Δ	<p>Thare are two kinds of men that fear makes phools ov, them who are afrade of nothing, and them who are afrade of everything.</p> <p>—oo—</p> <p>I would respekfully say to all that klass, "<i>who want to be an angell, and with the angels dwell</i>," please drop that noshun, and go at sumthing usefull, if the Lord wants enny more angels, he will let yu kno in due time.</p> <p>—oo—</p> <p>Civil war iz like a fite in the family, it seldum, if ever, waz known to be healed.</p> <p>—oo—</p> <p>If thare iz no hereafter, kats and dogs are better off than we are.</p>
2	G	δ weather ☿ rain	
3	M	listen to the ☿ ☉	
4	T	● mocking bird ☿	
5	W	☿ ☿ Pete Brown	
6	T	Δ waz diskovered ☿	
7	F	1856 * Windy * Pete	
8	S	waz diskovered ☿	
9	G	☉ stealing chickens	
10	M	more weather	
11	T	now brile quails ☿	
12	W	δ 3 wind easterly	
13	T	4 hope deferred ●	
14	F	maketh * the * harte	
15	S	! sik ☿ more softness	
16	G	☿ ☿ Lucy Smith ☿	
17	M	married 1800 —	
18	T	☿ ? it rains ☿ ☿	
19	W	Δ ☿ Lucy married	
20	T	well ○ now ☿	
21	F	☿ bile 3 beans ●	
22	S	☿ ☿ ☿ more mild	
23	G	☿ strike while ☿ ☿	
24	M	☿ — the iron — ☿	
25	T	iz hot . ± ● cool	
26	W	but ☿ pleasant	
27	F	10 mills make ~ *	
28	S	one cent Δ ☿ very	
29	S	☿ slick ☿ weather	
30	G		

### *THE DUK.*

The duk iz a foul, naturalists say so, and common sense teaches it. Wild duks are very good shooting, and very good missing too, unless you understand the bizzness. I hav shot at them all day, and got nothing but a few tale feathers, but that satisfied me, for i am crazy for all kinds ov sport, you know. Thare are sum kind ov duks that are very hard to git even if you do kill them. I shot one whole afternoon, three years ago, at sum dekey duks, and never got one ov them. I never hav told even mi wife ov this, and hope no one will repeat it.

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### *THE SANDY HILL CRANE.*

The crane iz neither flesh, nor foul, but a sad mixtur ov these two things. He mopes along the banks ov kreeks, and wet places, looking for sumthing he haz lost. He haz a long bill, long wings, long legs, and iz long all over. He livs upon lizzards, and frogs, and sleeps standing on one leg, like a gide board. Sumtimes he tips over in hiz dreams, and then hiz bill enters the ground like a pikax. When he flies thru the air he iz az gracephull az a wind mill that haz broke away from its fastenings. Cranes are not very plenty on this earth, but at the last quotations, the supply just about equals the demand.

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### *BLOSSOMS.*

The reputashun that a man gits from hiz ansesstors often wants as mutch altering to fit him, as their old clothes would.

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How menny people thare are in this world who work for the devil all the time, and then look to the lord for their pay.



I dont never expect to have any  
Doodle, but if i ever do, he must  
make up his mind to be tied  
onto a long stick every Saturday  
and be used for washing  
windows on the outside =  
Less so. Josh Billings.



*If i kan hav all the salt  
makrell i want for bukfasst,  
I kan manage to make the  
other two meals out of kold  
water. - yes. Josh Billings. -*



31 Days.

OCTOBER.

1877.

Q—Will yu define luck?



*This Nu Foundland weighs 94 pounds,  
And to save children is willing,  
If yu haint no pond, nor children to save,  
The dog aint worth a shilling.*

A—Luck is driftwood.

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sider ☉ more cool

☉ ☉ Sam Lewis ☉

☉ died ☉ 1492 ☉

frost ☉ ☉ Sam ☉

☉ was ☉ a ☉ hard ☉

☉ shell ☉ ☉ Babbiss

mutch frost ☉ ☉

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☉ now ☉ chew ☉

sassage ☉ more

☉ ☉ cool ☉ Kate

☉ Savage died ☉

1749 ☉ mutch ☉

☉ frosty ☉ Kate

☉ ☉ had a pug ☉

nose ☉ ☉ now ☉

☉ ☉ lift turnips

☉ kolder ☉ ☉

☉ ☉ go slo ☉

I never knu a man to brag ov  
hiz munny, or hiz pedigree, who  
had enny thing else worth bragg-  
ing about.

The meekest Moses in the  
whole lot iz the man who haz  
found out that he kant git the  
thing he wants the most.

There are but very few people  
in this world who hav got the  
nerve to be allways sassy to the  
devil.

Before a vice ov enny kind  
kan bekum very dangerous it  
haz got to bekum respectable.

## AN EPISTOL.

*Dear Snyder.*—Yu tell me that yu hav got the blues, and want to kno how to git shut of them. The following resipees will heal yu in 90 days if yu stik to them klussly. To wit, marry sum delikate only dauter of 22 summers (more or less) and take yure mother in law homie with yu to board, this will oil the pores of the sistem, and the blues will eskape like steam out of the noze of a tea kittle. Once more, hire out to keep a distrikt skool for 9 dollars per month, and hash around the naborhood, or take a 3 year old kiking heifer to brake to milk, this will open yure swareing valves, and so hurry the blood, that the blues will leave yu in disgust, and fasten their fangs on to sum other phellow. Againly, go down into sum marsh in the kingdom ov Nu Jersey fishing for frogs in the month ov August, and fish with one hand, and slap muskeeters with the other, and the blues will take the hint and vacate yure natur like a shooting-star. Try either ov the abuv alteratives, dear Snyder, and if they dont work, go into the bak yard of sum Irish woman and kut her clothes line when it iz filled with the weeks washing, and if yu dont git the blues taken out ov yu, and a good deal else besides, yu are a morbid kuss and wont pay for experimenting on.

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## BUBBLES.

Hero's are skarse, but the man who kan make poverty respektable, is one ov them.



If yu would eskape envy, abuse, and taxes, yu must liv in a deep well, and only cum out in the nite time.

30 Days.

NOVEMBER.

1877.

Q.—Who is the dearest old aunt?



*The Raccoon has a striped tail,  
And steals green horn amasing,  
His hide is worth 6 bits perhaps,  
But coons wont pay for raising.*

A.—The one whose bank account is all right.

8 m	Items.	MAKE WEIGHTS.
1 T	☞ Sloppy times ‡	Mankind are a race ov co- quets, even virtew herself luv once in a while to flirt with the devil.
2 F	now the pig ‡ ☞	
3 S	‡ yells * more	
4 G	☞ kold ‡ Warren ☞	
5 M	Davis failed ☞ ☞	—oo—  Luvrs will manage to liv on luv for a very long time, with an ockashional chance at beefstake and onions.
6 T	☞ mutch weather	
7 W	‡ ‡ Warren ☞ ☞	
8 T	Davis * failed ☞	
9 F	☞ Ψ in the pea	—oo—  Biographys are delitesum read- ing, we kompare all the virtews ov the persons karakter with our own, and all hiz failings with our nabors.
10 S	☞ nutt trade ☞	
11 G	wet sloppines ☞	
12 M	☞ ☞ Judas waz a	
13 T	☞ ded beat ☞ ☞	—oo—  I know numbers who owe mutch ov their virtew to their ekonemy, they are too stingy to pay the market price ov iniquity.
14 W	! l!n!k!r!r!e!a!s!l!n!g!	
15 T	☞ weather ☞ expekt	
16 F	☞ pak pedlars ☞	
17 S	☞ more ‡ kold ☞	
18 G	a stich in ☞ ☞	
19 M	‡ ☞ time saves ☞	
20 T	☞ nine ☞ snow	
21 W	☞ storm ~ Mag ☞	
22 T	Birch * died * 1826	
23 F	☞ ☞ hi winds!	
24 S	Mag want ☞ ☞	
25 G	☞ ☞ a suckcess ☞	
26 M	☞ sour ☞ kold ☞	
27 T	Ben Franklin ☞ ☞	
28 W	☞ flu a ☞	
29 T	☞ kite ☞ ☞ ☞	
30 F		

### *THE OWL.*

The owl is a grizzly grey package, and haz a grate round face az sober, and intelligent az a cheshire cheese. They kant see bi dalite, but can see by starlite to pik up a pin. They hunt for a living, and are very smart, and sudden, on a field mouse, or a meddo mole. The most wonderphull thing about an owl iz the sollum importanse ov the whole kritter, az he sits on hiz perch, looking over kreashun, just az tho he owned the whole ov it. Next to a newly elektet Justiss ov the Peace, seated on hiz throne, with a poor devil before him. charged with the emoshional krime ov stealing a string ov onions, the owl haz more rare, and unfathomable wisdum in hiz face than enny thing on earth. I hav looked at them for haff an hour stiddy, in a shop window, to see if they winkt, untill i waz ashamed ov mi impudense, but these owls, i found out afterwards, waz stuffed. I would thank enny one to tell me if an owl ever duz wink, and if so, how often. Owls liv to a good old age, but are not good for diet, they are one ov the fu things we kno ov, that the more yu bile them, the tuffer they gro. Biled owl iz the most ungratefull vittles that enny man ever sot in front ov. I never et enny biled owl but once, and that waz 40 years ago, and i kan taste it now, every time i think ov it.

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### *REMNANTS.*

I kno ov people so fond ov contradickshun that it wouldn't surprize me to hear them disputing with a guide board, at the forks ov sum kuntry road, about the distance to the next town.

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Falling in luv iz like falling down stairs, we never kan tell exackly how the thing waz did.

31 Days

DECEMBER.

1877.

Q.—Who is the biggest hipokrit?



*As lean in flesh as a grid iron,  
Sollum he sits, the old Fox hound,  
His ears hang down like wet rags,  
And his keen nose studdys the ground.*

A.—He who calls vice pleasure.

Days	Items.
1 S	Raw & kold &
2 G	now jam fires
3 M	more & rawy &
4 T	Peter denied hiz
5 W	& master & kold
6 T	It grows & Dick &
7 F	& Blister died
8 S	++ 1839 & more &
9 G	inklement & Dick
10 M	? Blister * waz * a
11 T	& konfidence man
12 W	3 dredphul koldy &
13 T	& now dig &
14 F	ice & it snows &
15 S	& 2 munny * &
16 G	is power & wind
17 M	& & & nor east
18 T	Jackson waz a & &
19 W	± dimokrat & big
20 T	& snow ++ in time
21 F	& & ov peace ~
22 S	prepare & for &
23 G	& & war & &
24 M	* intense & kold
25 T	& Molly Bristow &
26 W	born & 1840 &
27 T	& kolder & Molly
28 F	& waz * a * shop &
29 S	& lifter & Good &
30 G	++: Bye everybuddy
31 M	

## FROST WORK.

It ought to be a fair trade to swop religions, but whare will yu find the christian party that iz willing to do it.

I find it iz a grate deal eazier for mi philosophy to ackount for original sin, than for an attack ov the jumping tooth ake.

Temptashuns iz what tries a mans moral grip, Adam and Eve were very good plums untill the devil shook their bush, then they let go their holt immijately.

Married life iz too often a mere trial ov endurans.

**TRIALS AND PERSEKUSHUNS OV AN  
AUTHOR.**

Josh Billings' "*Farmer's Allminax*" for the year 1878 is now on our desk, and why will the friends of this man allow him to disgrace himself, and humanity too, by spreading such nonsense broadcast through the land?

*St. Louis Advance.*



Vile trash! when are we to be released from this annual overflow, this ideotick Allminac? Kind heaven, tell us when.

*Milwaukee Daily Bread.*



Over Ninety Thousand of Josh Billings' "*Farmer's Allminax*" are sold each year. How long iz this to continue? Will not the publick arise in their insulted dignity, and drive this pest from the world?

*Boston Pilgrim.*



Shoot him! shoot the "*Allminax*" maker.

*Arkansas Bowie Knife.*



Alass! alass! is there no eskape, is thare no place in the wide world that we can fly to, and be free from this sickening visit—this yearly avalanche? A curse on "Josh Billings' *Farmer's Allminax*."

*Chicago Budget.*



*The young Trotter at first,  
As he stands bi his dam,  
Is all legs like a shanght,  
And as meek as a lam.*

Brevitys.		BRILLIANTS.
1 T	Now prospekt	I allwuss think that it iz good taste, and pretty good religion too, when a man prays for the sins ov the people, to count himself in.
2 W	for ice	
3 T	sighs ov kold	
4 F	the bumble bee	
5 S	iz still [?] very	
6 G	kold X Pete Hyer	
7 M	perished 1814	
8 T	more kolder	
9 W	Pet co choked	
10 T	to deth < big	
11 F	snouiness	Wimmin dont like to be loved too mutch, and i rejoice in their spunk.
12 S	Pete Hyer [?] was	
13 G	hung A fine	
14 M	sleighting raw	
15 T	but kold now	
16 W	puntch fires	
17 T	< more snow >	
18 F	hooping cough	
19 S	invented 1 = ? 1206	
20 G	more rauness	
21 M	now () pay (!) yure	Heathens, poor benighted kriter, dont indulge in horse trots, nor law suits neither.
22 T	tax snow 4	
23 W	feet deep + Jane ~	
24 T	Barker & fell	
25 F	1832 (m) more	
26 S	kolder Jane	
27 G	Barker & fell	
28 M	down cellar (!)	
29 T	now T krak	
30 W	> butt natts. <	
31 T		If you hav enny doubt about the propriety ov a thing, you may be pretty certain that the doubt iz right.

### *THE CUCKOO, AND THE JACKDAW.*

The cuckoo iz about the size ov four small robins, and iz one ov the fust birds to tell us that spring haz fairly cum. This iz kind in the cuckoo, and they ought to hav a vote ov thanks, and a gold medal besides. Their song iz a good deal like the song ov a tin whissell, all in one key, but enny kind ov a song, from enny living kreature, iz acceptable. These birds hav one spot in their naturs entirely diffrent from enny animate thing I kno ov, they dont seem to possess the least particle ov affeckshun for their little cuckoos. They never bild enny nests, but lay their eggs in other birds nests, and let them do the hatching. This would be called smart in a man, but seems to me, iz darn mean in a bird. I wonder whare they lernt this trick.

### *THE JACKDAW.*

The jackdaw, like the raven, iz born ov blak parents, and iz about one quarter the size ov the common krow. Their food seems to konsist ov enny thing, and their appetights are az klamarous az a distrikt skool just let out to play, at lunch time. They lay two eggs, and both eggs would probberly hatch out if they waz solid, for the Jackdaw iz bound to liv, and prosper. They luv man, and his ways, and are allwuss found az kluss to him az they kan git.

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### *CHIPS.*

The best relief for the rumatiz, that haz been diskovered yet, iz to find sum phellow who haz got the gout bad, and then pitty him.

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About the time a man haz got old enuff to travel a good gait on hiz experience, death taps him on the shoulder, and wants him just around the corner.





*But he grows like a weed,  
'Till he is four years old,  
He is hi headed, and rangey,  
Flat-footed, and bold.*

(1)	day	Breviary.	BAUBLES.
1	F	1841 Kold :: more	About the hardest condishun ov life to sustain, iz one ov re spektable poverty.  —∞—
2	S	so □ now thrash Ψ	
3	G	beans 1841 very □	
4	M	kolder > Betsey →	
5	T	Mitchell Σ born ○	
6	W	1842 1842 kold +	Thare are folks who kant bear to do enny thing unless thare iz a commishun in it, if they subskribe a thousand dollars for bilding a church, they want 10 per cent off for cash.  —∞—
7	T	continues \ / Betsey	
8	F	Mitchell → had ++	
9	S	a 1842 cork leg <	
10	G	( ) kolder   still ¶	
11	M	1841 now smite ○	The man who kant find enny thing to do, gennerally hunts with grate caushun.  —∞—
12	T	wood to wind west §	
13	W	Hank Brewster ::	
14	T	died 1756 □ snow	
15	F	\ falls Σ Hank \	
16	S	Brewster § died a □	Buty has won menny a viktory but seldum has suckceeded in keeping it long.
17	G	∠ lazyness † kold □	
18	M	waxes § now the †	
19	T	hornet iz hush § sum	
20	W	more snow * whiske	
21	T	iz a tonick = very ¶	
22	F	kold:—now pla kards	
23	S	it thaws Φ Lazarus	
24	G	died poor □ sighns	
25	M	ov snow □ now Σ	
26	T	renew notes :: more	
27	W	snow ○ keep calm.	
28	T		

**K.**

*Kontentment* iz not one ov mi strong holts, i never am koutentend unless i am fast asleep. If i could hav mi choice, to be thoroly koutentend with things az i find them in this world, or be a Rockaway klam, i would be the klam.

**L.**

*Luv* iz a game for young folks to pla at, but when a man gits az old, and az homely az i am, and takes a hand at it, he iz sure to git ukered. If ten waz the game, Cupid could giv an old phellow seven points, and then beat him badly.

**M.**

*Milk Puntch* iz a fluid that i do luv extrornary well, and aint ashamed to oun it. But whether it iz the milk in it, or the puntch in it, that suits me so well, i aint obliged to tell. Human natur iz weak yu kno, and needs a little puntching up, in a hot day.

**N.**

*Nonsense* iz one ov mi prinsipal weaknesses, i luv it in any shape, but az qualls on toast improve the qualls, and dont hurt the toast, so i prefer to hav mi nonsense bilt on sense. Good nonsense iz one ov the rarest artikles in the literary bazaar, and allwuss commands admirashun, and fetches a good price.

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**SQUIBS.**

Human beings are natral slovens, yu hav got to hold a yung one tight to wash hiz face the fust time, and to comb hiz hair, yu hav akktually got to run him down.

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The man who haint never bin cheated, dont kno so mutch as he will sum day before long perhaps.



*Then he is harness, and broke,  
A hard task indeed,  
And handled quite gently,  
To draw out his speed.*

		Brevitys.	BAGATELLES.
1	F	Windy i-nov	
2	S	hunt for 12: maple	An illustrious pedigree iz a
3	G	sugar co- mutch 12	risky possesshun, the world wont
4	M	++ wind 12 Jabez x	kompere you with yure peers, nor
5	T	Brown 12 run 12	with yureself, but are all the time
6	W	away 12 1840- it	striking a ballance between you,
7	T	12 rains- 12 Jabez 12	and yure ded grandfather
8	F	12 run 12 away	
9	S	with (S) Suzan 12	
10	G	12 Fletcher + now	
11	M	> the frog 12	A ded beat iz a natural born
12	T	12 12 yells 12 12	hipokrit, he haz kapasity enuff to
13	W	12 windy 12 some 12	make him respektable, but the
14	T	haste 12 makes 12	devil holds a fust mortgage on
15	F	12 waste (1) rain	it.
16	S	12 and 12 wind	
17	G	12 now = fri 12	
18	M	nutcakes 12 sum *	
19	T	12 more ++ wind =	A careless man in a family iz
20	W	12 Joel 12 Sprauge 12	simply a noosance, but a sluttish
21	T	12 marrid 1400 >	woman iz wuss than a blister.
22	F	wind 12 nor west <	
23	S	now 12 murder ++	
24	G	12 kats 12 more	
25	M	:: wind 12 buty	I hav finally got to that
26	T	12 for / ashes <	point whare I aint very positive
27	W	+wind * howleth ::	ov what other people kno, and
28	T	12 sow 12 pens 12	aint at all certain ov what I kno
29	F	12 more 12 wind 12	miself.
30	S	> go 12 slow 12	
31	G		

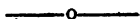
### *THE CENTAUR.*

The centaur iz not an Amerikan, but blooms in the land far away to the eastward, whare the muskeeto iz unknown, and whare the pensiv kokroach putteth in no appearance. He is haff horse, and haff sum other phellow, and hunts for fun, and sumthing to eat. He haz got a hed on him like Demostheneze ov old, and wears hiz hair short in front, but flooded down on hiz nek, and over hiz shoulders, like a growth ov yung hop vines, in a hot house. Hiz instrument iz a bo, and arro, and he kan assassinate the stupendous elephant 440 yards distant, or pik a single feather off from the top ov a humming birds hed on the fly. The centaur allwuss hunts on horsebak, and leads a free and cheap life. When in the ackt ov shooting the vast elephant, or the remorseless tiger, hiz hed iz thrown finely bak, hiz eye gleams like a lost jewell, hiz hair quivers like an aspen leaf, courage smiles in hiz face, hiz breast grows wider, and the muscles in hiz arm hang down like hornets' nests, hiz tale whips the air, and hiz hoofts ov steel ring on the tuff. I hav et plain hash untill i am tired ov it, and would like no better phun than to mount a centaur, without enny bridle on him, and with a mermaid in front ov me, and a ghost behind, take a free, and rekless ride, a ride ov genius, to the ends ov the earth. But I suppoze I should git sik ov this, in a day, or two, and want to ride sumthing else.

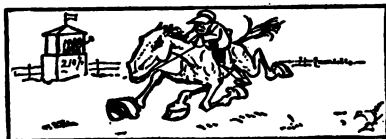
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### *IMPS.*

Poverty haz been called safe, but poverty even, haz got to lock up its mouldy bread, and cheeze, or loze it.



Honesty iz the rarest welth enny one kan possess, and yet all the honesty in the world, aint lawful tender for a loaf ov bread.



*When he reaches six years,  
He is called a full horse,  
And is thought fit to trot,  
For a puss on the course.*

3	d	Brevitys.	REVOLVERS.
1	M	● Soft weather	He who haz nothing to do in this world but to amuze himself, haz got the hardest job on hand I kno ov.
2	T	the dandylion <del>wa</del>	
3	W	cometh c warm	
4	T	rain :: now the <del>an</del>	
5	F	robin = skreameth	—oo—
6	S	—sum— more <del>ay</del>	
7	G	softness <del>ay</del> Bill	
8	M	Baxter <del>ay</del> sprained	
9	T	8 hiz = ankle ::	Thare iz nothing that yu and I, make so menny blunders about, and the world so few, az the aktual amount ov our importance.
10	W	1836 = it rains <del>an</del>	
11	T	<del>ay</del> Venuss waz <del>wa</del>	
12	F	<del>an</del> the <del>an</del> goddess <del>an</del>	
13	S	ov buty\ brigh: <	—oo—
14	G	day \ <del>ay</del> now chuck	
15	M	<del>an</del> in <del>ay</del> onion <del>an</del>	
16	T	seed <del>ay</del> <del>ay</del> mild <del>ay</del>	
17	W	● and <del>an</del> pretty <del>ay</del>	The fust thing a man duz in the morning, iz to feel for hiz pocket-book, and the fust thing a woman duz, iz to see if the looking glass iz all right.
18	T	++ Ben Franklin ::	
19	F	= iz ded :: mutch	
20	S	rain = <del>ay</del> now =	
21	G	<del>an</del> fish c for <del>ay</del>	—oo—
22	M	suckers = wind	
23	T	<del>ay</del> southy <del>ay</del> by <del>ay</del>	
24	W	<del>an</del> south < Bacchus	
25	T	waz a winebibber <del>ay</del>	He who works for notoriety had rather be insulted, than not be notissed at all.
26	F	c soft <del>ay</del> rain <del>an</del>	
27	S	<del>an</del> Sam <del>ay</del> Perkins >	
28	G	-died 1813 <del>an</del> hot	
29	M	the violet iz here !!	
30	T		

### *THE AUCKSHIONEER.*

The auckshioneer iz an unfortunate individual who duz other peoples lieing for 10 dollars a day, and boards himself. He haz got az mutch jaw az a wolf trap, and as mutch cheeck az a 10 year old mule. He takes up the profeshun quite often on the same principle that a horse doktor duz hiz, not bekause he iz fit for the bizzness, but just to hav one in the naborhood. His gratest pride iz to mingle what he calls humor with hiz talk when he iz on the block, but hiz jokes are gennerally az level az a foid slapjax. He iz at the hight ov hiz ambishun when he haz worried a laff out ov the bisters, and uses the same rhetoric, and similees, when he sells out a line ov bank securitys, that he duz, when he closes out an old one-eyed pelter, under a chattell mortgage, in frunt ov the kourt house. A kuntry auckshioneer, and a kuntry horse jockey, are two wonderphull cusses, in the rural deestrikts. I hav been an auckshioneer and kno what i am talking about.

### *THE OLD MAID.*

The old maid iz the last gooseberry left on the bush, ded ripe, and reddy to fall off at the fust good shake. She iz sumtimes a leetle hard to suit, but iz quite often the most charming relick in the naborhood. Next to mothers in law, old maids hav been abuzed more than enny thing human, but they all ov them hav a warm spot in their hearts, that enny decent person iz welkum to krawl into, and sun-themselfs.

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### *BLISTERS.*

Too mutch attenshun to little things spiles a man for bigger ones, I kno a fellow who kan make a fust rate whissell out ov a pigs tail, and this iz all he kan do.

—○—  
Wit, in a woman, kan never replace the want ov buty.



about the hardest thing a  
fellow can do, is to spark  
2 girls at one time, and  
preserve a good average =

Try it, Josh Billings



I don't insist upon pedigree  
for a man, or horse - if a  
horse can trot fast, and  
honest, the pedigree is all  
right. if he can't, i wouldn't  
give a shilling a yard for his  
pedigree = do. Josh Billings





*Five years ov fasst work,  
He is bunged up, and done,  
Knee sprung, and spavined,  
His spirit is gone.*

	<i>Brevitys.</i>	<i>COBWEBS.</i>
1 W	Butiful May!	The happiest people after all, are thozе who are worked the the hardest, and fed the best.
2 T	air o softly	
3 F	now churn butter	
4 S	rainy	
5 G	Mose Sherman	Thare iz sum men who hav so little bakkbone that you kant help them, you mite as well undertake to stand an angleworm up on end, and ask him to dance a jig.
6 M	born 1792	
7 T	wind fitful	
8 W	Mose Sherman	
9 T	waz a tinker	If you give a beggar nine dol- lars, at different times, and then refuse him the tenth, he will swear you have cheated him out of it.
10 F	soft day	
11 S	now bury beans	
12 G	warm rain	
13 M	the way ov	One haff the trubbles ov this life kan be traced to saying "Yes" too quick, and not saying "No" soon enuff.
14 T	the transgressor	
15 W	iz hard o gentle	
16 T	weather o now	
17 F	the old hen	
18 S	kakleth	
19 G	more weather	
20 M	Juno waz the	
21 T	wife ov Jupiter	
22 W	bright and	
23 T	butiful now	
24 F	insert corn	
25 S	Abram North	
26 G	Δ killed 1819 Δ	
27 M	pretty day Abram	
28 T	was stung to	
29 W	dethness bi hornets	
30 T	allass !! allass !!!	
31 F		

### INDISKRIMINATE HINTS.

I received a circular yesterday inviting me to buy a ticket in a gift distrubiting skeme, i didn't invest, i hav often bought into these magnificent chances, and all that i hav ever drawed yet, waz the wool over mi eyes. A cow that will leak 18 quarts of milk per diem iz a good one, but one that will flow 30, iz better. This may look like an assershun ov mine, but the more yu look into it, the more milk yu will diskover. Thare aint but fu cows that will giv 30 quarts ov milk a day unless yu irrigate it well. I kant say if it will pay yu to keep a cow, or not, yu kan buy a "*Readdy Reckoner*," at enny ov the book stores, for 75 cents, and they tell all about theze things. If i waz called upon to advise a Mother in law, i should tell her never to suggest enny thing in the family at all, if she sees the babys stockings agin the stove, burning up, let them burn, if she sees the kat stealing kream, off from the top ov the milk kans, let her steal, if thare iz enny thing lost, and the whole household are hunting for it, and she knows right whare it iz, keep mum, and let them hunt. I kant tell whitch iz the best breed ov lap dogs, all i kno about the diffrent breeds iz that the whole lot are a kussid shame, and noosance. Rats are very growthy, so growthy, that yu dont need but one good helthy rat to commence operations with, and in three years, yu will hav rats to spare.

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### WAIFS.

Next to going barefoot, for solid cumfort, cums an old shoe.

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I beleave in ghosts,—only a little,—just ennff to keep up an assortment.



*Now to a street car,  
Staggering he goes,  
Receiving for pay,  
Only curses and blows.*

●	☐	<i>Brevity.</i>	<i>FRIZZLE.</i>
1	S	△ warm hotness	About all us old fellows kan do to enny advantage, iz to nuss our rumatizz quietly in sum corner, and guess, that it iz a going to rain tommorow, or that it aint.
2	G	● June bugs ☼	
3	M	△ are here ○ leafy	
4	T	weather ☉ John	
5	W	Bigg deceased † 913	
6	T	= warm and wet ☉	
7	F	☼ John Bigg -	
8	S	☼ operated in ☼	Military taktiks are a good thing to fite injuns with, when the injuns are 65 miles off, but when the fite cums, yu want to kill the injuns fust, and then alter the case to fit the taktiks.
9	G	☼ klams ☼ hotter	
10	M	△ now ● the ☼	
11	T	kokroach ☼ runneth	
12	W	bright and liquid ☼	
13	T	† now prepare for †	
14	F	rain   thou shalt ☼	
15	S	not steal > sum ☼	A woman never iz more happy than when she haz four men waiting on her all to once, but more than one woman fussing over a man at the same time, makes him feel dredphull unsartin.
16	G	wind - now egg	
17	M	hens ☼ for ☼	
18	T	chickens ☼ wind sow	
19	W	bi ☼ sow-east ☼	
20	T	☼ Vulcan   was ☼	
21	F	○ a blak △ smith	
22	S	§ warmer ☼ all ☼	Thare iz nothing will demoralize a man fasster, than to git into the habit ov doing hous work.
23	G	natur ☼ jumps ☼	
24	M	☼ hot ☼ Sam ☼	
25	T	☼ Burbanks born ☼	
26	W	1812 △ hotsum	
27	T	rain ☼ Sam playd	
28	F	the juice § harp	
29	S	mutch growthy	
30	G		

## TWO LETTERS.

*Dear Laubenheimer.*—I dont know who writ "*Babes in the Woods*," but who ever did, hit natur. I hav forgot now the diagnosis ov the book, all i kan remember iz, i red it when i waz a boy, and i bought one 25 years after that for mi son, and only last week, bought another for mi grandson, and when he grows up to be a man, and iz wed, and haz results, he will buy it for hiz children. Robinson Kruso, Jak the Giant Killer, and babes in the woods, will wear az long az allminaxes will. I dont kno az thare iz a partikle ov bible truth in them, but they are so wonderphull, that if they didn't never cum to pass, it seems az tho they ought to.

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*Dear Onderdonk.*—Thare iz only one way to brake a kiking heifer, and that iz, to stop her growth bi deth. When a heifer gits to kiking, the smartest mishionary in the world kant console her, she will kik over her own mother, just az liberally az she will a perfekt stranger.

They will allways manage to stand middling still untill yu git the pail just about full, and then for fear they wont hit it, they will kik with both feet to oust, and squeal into the bargain. After they hav kikt the milk over, they are perfektly resigned, and will stand and chew their kud, and let yu milk them for two hours if yu want to.

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## BUOYS.

The fust man that waz murdered in this world waz the only pure one living at that time.

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I like to see all things true to natur, even a hornet that kant sting, is a melankolly failure.



*Next to a kart,  
He plods, and he moans,  
A skeleton phantom,  
A mere rak ov bones.*

②	☾	Brevitys.
1	M	¶ Grate ☞
2	T	8 warmness
3	W	12. now the 12.1
4	T	8-hopper grass. ☞
5	F	☞ laffeth ☞ sum ☞
6	S	more hot ¶ Pan
7	G	§ waz ¶ a shephard
8	M	☞ more heat ¶
9	T	☞ Fred Munson ☞
10	W	☞ broke his ☞
11	T	☞ arm ¶ 1386 ☞
12	F	☞ thunder and ☞
13	S	☞ litening ☞ now
14	G	the ram butteth ☞
15	M	☞ growing hot ☞
16	T	now probe* for ☞
17	W	ice kream ☞ more
18	T	12. thunder 12.1
19	F	¶ multiplikashun §
20	S	table diskovered ☞
21	G	826 12. now twitch
22	M	lettiss ☞ more ☞
23	T	heaty ☞ Jane
24	W	¶ Ferguson ☞
25	T	va mosed ☞ 1840
26	F	¶ hot § abates ¶
27	S	Jane vamoused. ☞
28	G	with ¶ one Sam §
29	M	Peters ‡ it rains ‡
30	T	☞ sich iz life ☞
31	W	

## WATCHWORDS.

A good landlord haz no publik opinyun ov hiz own, when called upon to decide between two ov hiz boarders, he takes them one side seperately, and tells each ov them, what a kussid phool the other fellow is making ov himself.

The man who iz anxious to liv hiz life over again, iz proberbly more ov a spekulator at heart, than a philosopher or a christian.

Total depravity iz a hard thing for me to believe, but i must say, that i often meet cases that wouldn't pay more than 5 per cent for rektifying.

A "Cuss" iz a knitter who iz just a little more respektabel than a loafer, and just a little less dangerous than a renegade.

### *THE RHINOSSERROSS AND THE VIOLET.*

The rhinossersoss iz strikly a forrin invenshun, and i am glad ov it. They are a one horned experiment, and that horn grows on the tip ov their nose. If they are haff az unhappy az they look, they are the most miserable krittlers ever invented. Their great value is in their skarsity, if they waz az plenty az organ grinders, they wouldn't be enny more of a luxury. If i waz offered mi choice between a rhinossersoss, and an anakondy, i should figger on them cluss, for a fortnight, and then refuse to take either.

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### *THE VIOLET.*

Little blu eyed innocent, i saw yu one year ago, this very day, in this same cold, and sunless spot, (perhaps it mite hav been yure sister) far away from human eyes, or human footsteps. It waz winter then, so it iz now, but they call it spring. Yu are too gentle for this cheerless place, do the fairys visit yu, and whisper words ov luv and hope. Yu need'nt hang yure hed and tremble, i wont hurt yu, gladly would i swop places with yu, neglected az yu are, yu kant be lost, i may be. Stay right whare yu are little innoesent, the fust luv sik maiden i kum akrost, i will send to keep yu company, she will hav a lot ov silly, and soft things, to tell yu.

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### *UNDERGROWTH.*

A "Stool Pigeon" iz one, who iz willing to be az wicked az he knows how, but who haz to be taught all the iniquity, ov enny consequence, that he possesses.

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Men who hav the most real power, sho it the least, while thare aint a more terrible engine ov the law, than a.fresh elektet constable.



*When he kant pull a pound,  
And won't even try,  
He is dropt bi his owner,  
And turned out to die.*

☉	☾	Ir. vityz.	SKRAPS.
1	T	☉ Hót but dusty	Repentanse iz the most satisfactory duty that a man can perform, but it wont kure the headake next day, nor pay for the hot rum, and Gigers, it took to make it.
2	F	☾ Behold the	
3	S	* festiff	
4	G	☾ muskeeter	
5	M	☾ draws nigh	
6	T	☾ sum more	
7	W	☾ dust with heat	
8	T	☾ now inquire	
9	F	☾ for	
10	S	☾ juleps	
11	G	☾ big shower	Thare may be some perfectly happy people in this world, but if they undertake to prove it, they will lay themselves open to sus-pishun.
12	M	☾ now the hen	
13	T	☾ (panta ~ cool)	
14	W	☾ ☉ nights	
15	T	☾ ☉ Sam. Carter	
16	F	☾ obituated 1865	
17	S	☾ sum more	
18	G	☾ ☉ Sam Carter wax	
19	M	☾ a ded	
20	T	☾ sighns	
21	W	☾ ☉ ov thunder	I never knu a man who lived upon hope, but what spent hiz old age at sumboddy else's expense.
22	T	☾ /now lift/	
23	F	☾ cucumbers	
24	S	☾ ☉ rain and	
25	G	☾ ☉ lightning	
26	M	☾ "thou shalt not lie"	
27	T	☾ ☉ much	
28	W	☾ ☉ warmth	
29	T	☾ keep	
30	F	☾ ☉ thunders	
31	S	☾ hark !!!	To bekum famous requires mutch time, and merit,—fust to be entitled to it, an seckondly, not to git cheated out ov it.

### *THE BACHELOR.*

The old bachelor iz born in the maskuline way, but often changes hiz base, to the nuter gender. He thinks he haz got a good lone hand, but in playing it, allmost allways gits ukered. Sumtimes, late in life, he makes up hiz mind to git marrid, and then, allmost invariably, thare are two partys, who are disapointed.

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### *THE QUACK.*

The quack knows he iz a ded beat, but he allso knows that mankind luv to be cheated. He allwuss haz sum speshiallity, and the more diffikult iz the disseaze, the more brazen iz he, in hiz offers to kure it. He preys upon the unfortunate, and it would be az unprofitable to prove malpraktiss aginst him, az it would bigamy, aginst a wharf rat.

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### *THE DEAKON.*

The deakon iz the fust lutenant in a meeting house. He iz a good christian man, but hiz creed iz too often az mutch bother to him, az a yoke iz to a goose. He iz az full ov bizzness, and proviso's az a wimmins rites convenshen. He often haz more pitty than branes, and generally, more fuss, than either. A good deakon, in a naborhood, iz a substanshaff blessing, and bad deakons, thank Heaven, hav allwuss been skarse.

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### *SOLLUM THINGS.*

The world iz bankrupt in morals, and if kind heaven wont settle with us, for 10 cents on the dollar, the devil will git the whole thing bī foreclosure.

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—○—  
Yu may make a servant ov a friend, but yu kant make a friend ov a servant, it aint natral.





*The street boys git at him,  
And ride him around,  
'Till he staggers, and stumbles,  
And falls to the ground.*

		Brevity's.	ECHOS.
1	G	○ Breezy § 'list	Whenever yu cum akrost a man, who praizes yu immoderately, and kusses every boddy else in proportion, yu kan make up yure mind, that yure turn for kussing will cum soon.
2	M	to ○ the	
3	T	○ mocking bird ○	
4	W	○ a fine day ○	
5	T	it now chew	
6	F	the   cherries   the	
7	S	○ cool § Dave ○	
8	G	¶ Markham died §	
9	M	1790   milder §	
10	T	△ Dave died △	
11	W	○ ov skarsity ○	Experiense haz no effect on sum people, they are like an old frog in a mud puddle, yu kan ketch him without even enny bait on yure hook, and thro him bak agin, az often az yu hav a mind to.
12	T	○ ov breth ○ △	
13	F	○   more   the	
14	S	○ mildness ○	
15	G	huckleberries are §	
16	M	here cool	
17	T	the sighns the	
18	W	○ Dan Tucker ○	
19	T	born 1832 □	
20	F	§ expekt coolness §	
21	S	¶ Dan Tucker	An idler iz twice a thief, he not only steals hiz own time, but he hangs around, trieing to steal yures too.
22	G	the waz dark the	
23	M	konplekted	
24	T	rain   now △ twitch	
25	W	flax   hot day ‡ in	
26	T	□ time ov peace □	
27	F	look out     for war	
28	S	wind easty ‡ bi nor	
29	G	east the go slow ‡	
30	M		

### THE GRASSHOPPER IZ A BURDEN

The grasshopp iz a flippant bug. He iz likewise a kuss. He iz green for color, and haz several leggs, or more, i disremember whitch. They kan fli, hop, walk, sit still, or run, and are born ov eggß, a dozen from each egg, properly. They are an inch and a quarter in length, and are sumtimes a frackshun over. They are laid, hatchid out, git their manhood, and die off in 75 days, this iz aktual bizzness, and shows enterprize, in a lofty degree. What they are good for, haz been concealed from us, for wize reazons, but the evil they kan commit, iz sumtimes equal to a famine. I hav seen every green thing, on the flatt ov the earth, for 50 miles in diameter, et up bi them, and millyuns ov them besides starving to deth. I have seen the air filled with them like a shower ov sand, and nothing but stone fences, and McAdam roads, proof against their appetights. To be et up bi grasshoppß, to be consumed bi muskeeters, or mangled bi a mule, hav allways been the three deaths that i hav voted against. But az mutch az i fear the dedly hopper, i had rather face a mile square ov them, all alone, in the month ov August, or i had rather cross the Newark marshes, bi moonlite, in Juli, when muskeeters are in their consumate glory, or even fondle the sportive mule, than to hav a *nusepaper kritick*, who writes for 8 dollars a week, git after me.

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### CAMBRIK NEEDLES.

The slowest time on reckord,—is skool time.



The man who *forgivs*, and dont *forgit*, compounds for 50 cents on the dollar.



I dont take enny phoolish  
chances, if i waz called upon  
to mourn over a ded mule,  
i should stand in front ov  
him, and do mi weeping =  
L. Billings Esq



When a man gits to going  
down hill, it duz seem,  
az tho every thing had  
been greased for the ockashum.

Josh Billings



*Thare he struggles, and groans,  
'Till he is knockt on the hed,  
And the once rapid trotter,  
Lies pulseless and ded,*

	Brevitys.	DAY BREAKS.
1 T	☾ Frosty ☾ now	
2 W	3 gobble cider ☾	Politeness never makes enny
3 T	☾ expectt kold ☾	blunders, it often gits snubbed,
4 F	☾ Nick Hudibras	but never gits beat,
5 S	‡ fled ☾ 1851 ‡	
6 G	☾ ‡ colder ‡ ☾	— — — — —
7 M	☾ Nick fled ☾	
8 T	~ to Texas ☾	When you cum akrost a man
9 W	‡ snow ‡ threatens ‡	that neither flattery, nor abuse,
10 T	× now unearh ☾	wont stimulate, let him alone, he
11 F	‡ p-o-t-a-t-o-e-s ‡	haz gone to seed.
12 S	☾ cool nights ☾	— — — — —
13 G	liberty ‡ and ‡ union	
14 M	☾ still ‡ cooler ☾	Thare iz nothing more bekum-
15 T	☾ one ☾ and ☾	ing than humality, and nothing
16 W	☾ fine day ☾	that most ov people are more
17 T	inseparable ☾ now	ashamed ov,
18 F	☾ the duck +	— — — — —
19 S	q-u-a-c-k-e-t-h*	
20 G	☾ more frost ☾	
21 M	☾ Sally Foster ☾	It iz a grate art to kno how to
22 T	☾ marrid 1826 ☾	giv gracephully, I hav seen good
23 W	☾ cool and wet ☾	light bread change into a stone,
24 T	Sally marrid ☾ for	in passing from one hand to
25 F	love ‡ cooler ? and	another,
26 S	45 hundred dollars	
27 G	a year ‡ wind flau	
28 M	☾ sum ☾ now ☾	
29 T	☾ highst ☾ turnips ‡	
30 W		
31 T		

### *THE APPLE.*

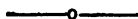
The apple iz the oldest fruit on reckord, and one ov the best. The fust ackount we hav ov it, was in the gardin ov Eden. Eve iz sed to hav et the fust one, and pronounced it good, and made Adam take a bight. The eating ov this apple never has been konsidered mutch ov a hit for the rest ov us. The apple will keep longer than enny other fruit, if it aint eaten, and kan be workt up into apple sass, and dumplings, with grate suckcess.

I kan tell a mans tru karakter, bi what he eats, or drinks, clusser than i kan to hear him deliver a temp-ranse lektur. Talk of all kinds iz artyfishall, but vittles, and drinks, iz natur. Whenever yu see a man cussing, and swareing at apple sass, and good light dumplings, yu can bet 10 dollars, on mi ackount, that he aint a good fireside man. Apples also, when they are well squeezed, produce cider, which iz next to milk, az a fertilizer. Egnogg owes most ov its glory unto cider. Champane wine would be dredphull skarse in market if it want for cider, and good sharp vinegar would be az unkommon az piety, or tru affeckshun, if it wazn't for cider. Jersey lightning also kums from cider, this iz the only wicked thing i ever knu cider to do. Jersey lightning haz scalded more people than hot water ever haz, and killed more than Minnie rifles.

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### *FOAM.*

Thare iz nothing which a chaste, and refined woman detekts so quick as the atmosphere ov an impure man.



Contentment haz been praised more, and prakticed less, than enny other condishun ov life.



Now they kart him away—  
 Forgot, and forsaken,  
 To far-famed "BARREN ISLAND,"  
 The Trotter is taken.

8	++	Brevitys.	SNOW FLAKES.
1	F	⊗ Cold ⊙ the	<p>I like philosophy on general principles, but the man who invented the frickshun match, a cent a box, haz dun the world more good, than than the author ov the stoick philosophy.</p> <p>—oo—</p> <p>Thare iz a grate menny fresh water martyrs on the footstool, folks whoze gratest pride iz to tell us what a miserable time they hav allways had ont.</p> <p>—oo—</p> <p>Advce and phisick are so plenty, that the man who makes enny blunders, or gits sick, must be a phool.</p> <p>—oo—</p> <p>A vain man lets us see all hiz weak points, and hides hiz strong ones.</p>
2	S	cricket ⚔ chirps ‡	
3	G	⊗ faintly ⊗ more	
4	M	cold y ⊗ now ‡	
5	T	trap ⊙ for minks ⊙	
6	W	⚔ it snows ⚔	
7	T	‡ Ruben Hatfield ‡	
8	F	obsquatulated 1811	
9	S	⚔ chilly ⚔	
10	G	⚔ Reuben ‡ was ‡	
11	M	a toll/gate   keeper	
12	T	‡ now ¶ bruize *	
13	W	⚔ w/o/o/d ⚔	
14	T	⊙ colder mutch ⊙	
15	F	¶ thou ¶ shalt ¶	
16	S	not ⊙ s-n-o-r-e ⊙	
17	G	in ⚔ thy ¶ sleep	
18	M	~ very ⊙ cool □	
19	T	measles   found	
20	W	⊙ 1492 ⚔ Bob ⊙	
21	T	Barnes ⊙ died 1603	
22	F	raw ‡ but cold § Bob	
23	S	Barnes × was ⊙ a	
24	G	vegitinarian ¶ more	
25	M	snow Q Bob Barnes	
26	T	waz a kold   potato	
27	W	⊙ champion ⊗	
28	T	⚔ Farewell ⚔	
29	F	± my boys !!! ×	
30	S		

### *THE AVERAGE BOARDING HOUSE.*

I hav lived in boarding houses long enuff to decide, that most ov them are the most cheerless, and unfriendly places on earth. The alms house, or the hospital, iz a more luvly spot to liv in, than the average boarding house. They are kept bi females, gennerally about 45, or 46, years old, and never gits enny older, who wears a blak allpacka dress, az slippery, and shiny, as a piece ov pattent leather, and who kan blo a butcher klean out ov hiz stall, or lift the false hair oph from the heds, ov one ov her Bridgets, when she gets to argueing the case hot.

Her house iz furnished from top to bottom with faded furniture, the spoils ov a thousand aukshun sales, which iz the only place she visits, except the meat, and vegetable markets. Everything on the table, and about the house, inkluding attendance, iz meazzured out at the rate ov about nine ounces to the pound, and the whole thing runs dry, and squeaking like the axles ov a waggon, in want ov grease. Thare iz not one solitary, genuine cumfort, in theze concerns, and men, and wimmin, liv, year after year, in theze hash asylums, cursing them every day, and without the moral force to desert them.

I was once told ov one landlady who kept a party ov four young fellows in her house, two months longer than they wanted to stay, bi putting a ten cent stamp into the hash every morning. The landlady dealt out the hash, and managed to get the stamp every time.

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### *DUST.*

The way of the transgressor iz hard,—and there ain't no transgressor kan dodge it neither.



Experience iz about all that old age can boast ov, and how often iz even this ov the bitterest kind.





*Thar his hide is stript off,  
And two dollars bringt,  
And his bones are workt up,  
Into buttons and things.*

8	Brevity.	SKIMMINGS.
1	G Orphull § kold	I have a grate kuriosity now to kno when the next flood is a going to take place, and whether thare kan be found on the face ov the earth a crew fit to man the next ark with.
2	M now a hunt § for	
3	T ice it	
4	W O waxes kolder ±	
5	T O Zeke ● Davis §	
6	F born 1850 a big	
7	S ~ s-n-o storm §	
8	G § Zeke waz §	
9	M /a ++ henpecked U	
10	T man O it is winter	I hav heard wize men phrovesy, and fools guess, all mi life, but i never hav kept enny count which ov them haz got it right the oftenest.
11	W now ‡ the cow	
12	T s-h-i-v-e-r-e-t-h	
13	F C more a bitter §	
14	S O Adam / was O	
15	G a phool	
16	M § more § snow O	
17	T   now main wood ‡	
18	W dredphull § cold §	
19	T ~ man is ~	When i waz a boy i allwuss wanted tommorow to cum, in middle life i wanted a day to last allways, now that i hav got older, i look at yesterday, and to day, and conipare them with tom- morow, and wonder what all this fuss iz about.
20	F /a~f-a-i-l-u-r-e	
21	S a wind northy	
22	G bi § north § now	
23	M pay a your honest	
24	T det§   it grows cold	
25	W now! comfort   your	
26	T wife (!) more snow	
27	F Buy Josh Billings'	
28	S A-l-l-m-i-n-a-x §	Thare iz lots ov people in this world, who spend so mutch time watching their healths, that they haint got no time to enjoy it.
29	G sighns ov a thaw (?)	
30	M Let O us O meet	
31	T here again	

### *A LONG PARAGRAFF.*

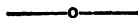
Guessing iz a dredphull poor trade, i had just about az soon hav a man tell me a lie az to guess at a thing, in case ov doubt ask yure wife, when the sun shines wimmin are butterflys, and luv to bask in its rays, but when the dark hours cum, and even hope begins to look over its shoulder, ask yure wife about it, and she will either puntch a hole thru the klowd, or lift up one corner ov it, and sho yu a star, I luv babys, i luv them bekauze they are aktually necessary, I luv them bekauze they wont lie, I luv them bekauze they may be the next president sum time, i luv them bekauze i waz a baby once miself, and perhaps sumboddy loved me, i hav sumtimes thought gamblers were az honest az they kan afford to be, they allwuss giv notiss before hand that they will cheat you if they kan, I beleave in one wife, one dog, and one friend, with a few cheerfull acquaintances thrown in to make up the assortment, doennutts and cheeze are lawful tenders in Nu England, nine doennutts, a quarter ov a pound ov old cheeze, and a pint ov sharp sider, iz a luncheon fit for a nuly elekted Justiss ov the Peace, or a trakt pedlar, dandys are things ov the past, I havn't seen a regular full blossomed, old fashioned dandy, going on now seven years, I \* \* \* \* \*

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### *SEDIMENT.*

When a coquet falls in luv, she falls in all over, prudes make a mental reservashun.



I would rather number amung mi intimates, an ideot, or even a pikpocket, than infidel.

## 31 Days.

**JANUARY.**

1879.

## AQUARIUS.



## THE WATER BEARER.

***"Now is the winter of our discontent."***

	W	<i>The Slate.</i>	<i>KRYSTALS.</i>
1	W	© Keep * cool *	
2	T	> horn   starch <	
3	F	It it snows W	Yung man, set down, and keep
4	S	● i n v e n t e d □	still, yu will hav plenty ov chan-
5	G	© now § 1835 §	ces yet to make a phool ov yure-
6	M	W / iz the / W	self before yu die.
7	T	○ winter ○ Sam ○	
8	W	ov our Peterkin	— — —
9	T	● diskontent ● ●	
10	F	● born † holder ∞	
11	S	§ 1202 § more §	It iz a wize man who profits
12	G	holder ● † ● Sam	bi hiz own experience—but it iz a
13	M	— now — was —	good deal wizer one, who lets the
14	T	○ rake * a ○	rattlesnaik bite the other phellow.
15	W	r i a g h s u s	
16	T	▷ ○ in ∞ ice ○ ◁	— — —
17	F	man   W & signs	
18	S	△ the △ ov Ψ Ψ	
19	G	f r o g ○ s n o w	
20	M	○ lies □ holder ○	Take all the phools out ov
21	T	W r still ? now W	this world, and thare wouldn't be
22	W	snow □ □ □ jam	enny phun, nor profit living in it.
23	T	○ 2   feet   fires ○	
24	F	deep   —   Moses	
25	S	W a t h a w φ φ	— — —
26	G	B u r a b s n k φ φ	
27	M	W n o w † d e c e a s e d	
28	T	© — 1818 — ○	Allmost enny phool kan prove
29	W	φ s w — l — o — w φ	that the bible aint true, it takes
30	T	● holder ● cider ●	a wize man to beleave it.
31	F		

### THE BOOK CANVASSER.

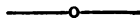
The book canvasser is a red hot being, az untiring az a fox hound, and az free from diffidence az a fish pedlar. He works hiz way into every spot in kreashun, and will often sell a book to a man, for hiz own price, who swore at first that he wouldn't take it az a gift. He will travel more miles in a day, on less hash, than a stage horse, and kan stand more abuse than a chinaman. The book canvasser haz bekum the terror of the land, and mankind hide from him az they would from the taxgatherer, or a case ov the small pox. I rather like the book canvasser, when a man pitches into me, and offers to sell me 650 pages ov "*Doktor John Hirsuté's modified diagnosis ov the cappilliary attrakshun*," and stiks to it untill he gits the book onto me, i am delighted with the man, and proud ov miself. It takes genius to do theze things, and i luv genius in all shapes, whether it appears az the author ov a dikshionary, or the pattentee of bar soap, warrented to take the letterings off from a mile stone in three washings. The book canvasser haz ni hottest prayers for hiz sukscess, and tho i never ov late subskribe for enny thing, not even to buy the new klergyman an independant seckond hand trotting kronometor, still i am allwus reddy to reckomend him to mi nabors.

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### SLUNG SHOT.

"*Throw fisick to the dogs*," is a very old proverb, but whare will yu find the dog that will tutch it?



Experience teaches us mutch, but learns us little.

28 Days.

FEBRUARY.

1879.

PICES,



THE FISHES.

*Two Perch—possibly one Smelt.*

(1)	<i>The Slate.</i>	<i>CENTER SHOTS.</i>
1 S	<del>3</del> Kold ¶ now	I would az soon think ov pulling the feathers out ov a peakoks tale, az to interfere with inosent vanity ov a man.
2 G	* waxes ◊ make *	
3 M	<del>3</del> snow ax <del>3</del>	
4 T	<i>falls</i> -> handles	
5 W	< Kate   <i>aufull</i> >	
6 T	Sherman ◊   ◊ koldy	
7 F	<del>12</del> fell <i>more</i> <del>12</del>	
8 S	Kate * * * *	
9 G	◊ ◊ koldness ◊ ◊	When a wize man undertakes to do a kunning thing he allmost allways makes a mizerable failure ov it.
10 M	* * * * fell	
11 T	<del>12</del> the ◊ down <del>12</del>	
12 W	● ¶ Bumblebee ¶ ●	
13 T	cellar <del>3</del> <del>3</del> lies	
14 F	◊ now dreaming <del>12</del>	
15 S	◊krak * kolder ◊	
16 G	buttnutts ◊ ◊ it	
17 M	◊ Adam ¶ snows ◊	Marrid life iz a little game, in which the woman, if she iz called, iz allmost sure to hav a strate flush.
18 T	¶ Brown ◊ ◊ it ¶	
19 W	kreated ◊ * thawes	
20 T	◊ 1400 Adam ◊	
21 F	<i>more</i> Y snow Y was	
22 S	<del>12</del> now a † natral ¶	
23 G	<del>3</del> pay kuss <del>3</del>	
24 M	<i>dets</i> ——— Ben	
25 T	● still ◊ Franklin ●	The man who knows a thing, and can tell it in the fewest words, iz the hardest kind of a man to beat in a kross examinashun.
26 W	kolder ◊ ◊ was	
27 T	¶ thawy ¶ a ¶ kard ¶	
28 F		

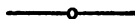
### *THE CHIPMUNK.*

The chipmunk iz the smallest of the squirrell tribe. They are striped goods, having three blak lines wove into them, running the same way the squirrell duz. Az a spekulator in corn the chipmunk stands at the hed ov all the small operators, beating the blujay, in hiz yearly operashuns about a quart. The chipmunk carrys hiz corn in hiz mouth, and when he cums out ov a cornfield loaded with the cereal, his cheeks stik out like a duch baby's. Sumtimes the chipmunk iz kaught and kept in a cage, and iz made to turn a wheel for a living, this iz the only usefull work they hav ever been known to do. I hav often lookt at them at work in their wheels, and dont kno which i pitty the most, the chipmunk, or the party who has to tend them, both of them mite be in better bizzness. They are the only insekt who dig their holes and sho no pile ov dirt at the entrance. I hav asked sevral smart men what bekums ov the dirt, but they all shook their heds and lookt awfull wize. When i waz a boy i used to ketch chipmunks bi running away from skool, and the day that I brought in two ov them waz a big day for me.

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### *CRUMBS.*

The devil iz a very cunning phellow, but the blunders he makes allwuss eats up the proffitts in hiz bizzness.



A dandy iz an individul whoze usephullness in this world depends entirely upon the fit ov hiz clothes.

31 Days.

MARCH.

1879.

ARIES,



THE RAM.

*On the War Path.—The hit ov the season.*

	<i>The State.</i>	<i>DU DROPS.</i>
1 S	Wind > @	The things that i kant prove i beleave the most, i beleave that one apple iz sour, and another one sweet, but i will giv enny highly eddikated man, a span ov matched mules, who will tell me what makes them so.
2 G	☞*~*~*~now	
3 M	☞howls an tan☞	
4 T	more ☞ woodchuk	
5 W	> wind ☞ skins <	
6 T	Pete — wind	
7 F	☞-☞ Perkins ☞-☞	
8 S	r-i-s-e-s ☞ b-o-r-n	
9 G	☞more ☞ 1840☞	
10 M	windfull —	
11 T	— Pete*~*~it	I hav lived just long enuff to find out how little i kno, and no man who throws away hiz faith, iz ever going to be very wize.
12 W	☞ rains ☞ waz /	
13 T	☞-coloured-☞	
14 F	sighns ☞ ☞ he	
15 S	☞waz * ov ☞ ☞	
16 G	snow ☞ a ☞ ~ ☞	
17 M	c-o-l-o-u-r-e-d	
18 T	— now — barber —	
19 W	— d ☞ r ☞ a ☞ w ☞	
20 T	the ☞☞☞☞ off	The smartest thing about enny man iz hiz consnience, he may outargy hiz reazon, or stutify hiz faith, but he kant beat hiz consnience.
21 F	☞~☞ violet ☞~☞	
22 S	— a c h o u n t s	
23 G	☞ has L more ☞	
24 M	cum ☞ windfull	
25 T	☞ ☞ now it ☞-☞	
26 W	blows ☞ ☞ ☞ drink	
27 T	☞-☞-Noah-☞-☞	
28 F	.... Egg had ....	
29 S	— n o g g ☞ 3 —	The best thing i kno ov iz a fust rate wife, and the next best thing, is a sekond rate one.
30 G	it ☞ blows Y boys ☞	
31 M		

### REMARKS.

Three kard monte iz a game ov chance, the chance iz, that yu will git badly beat, unless yu play it alone. When thare iz a plays the game, sumbody iz bound to git hurt. Girls are a more risky crop to raize than boys, if a boy makes a bad blunder, he kan wipe out the slate once, or even twice, and begin again, but a girl kant. I kant tell who old Probabilitiz iz, but he iz a smart kuss, aint he? Whiskee iz one ov the tonicks, i think, but i aint sure, i kno it iz one ov the tanglelegs, for I hav seen it tried often. Yu kan sell a fast horse in Nu York at yure own price, provided he iz fast enuff. But dont bring enny 3 minnitt kattle to Nu York, the ice kream, and the milk men, drive faster than that. Our old fellows, in Nu York, menny ov them who hav seen 70 years, when they go out onto the hard roads, dont take enny but 2.25 dust. Speaking ov kats mi opinyun remains unchanged, they are az full ov flaws, az a March wind iz. Yu kan make a lawyer, or a minister ov your son, either ov them are decent callings enuff, but neither ov them will make him respektabel, unless they are well filled. Nuzepaper hacks are harder workt, and poorer fed, than livery stable horses. Authors, and skribblers, az a klass, are a self konsaited, and seedy set, and I believe a literary man, when he gits poor, and shiny, iz the poorest looking kritter on the footstool.

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### LINT.

No atheist, with all hiz boasted bravery, haz ever dared to advertize his beleaf, on hiz tomb stun

—○—  
A baby iz a necessity, but twins allwuss did seem to me, to be ov a spekulative natur.



30 Days.

APRIL

1879.

TAURUS,



THE BULL.

*Bound for Wall Street.—Bring on yure Bear.*

3	do	The Slate.	DOOR KNOBS.
1	T	☞ April now	<p>Caushun iz a good thing for a man to hav, but when he haz got so mutch ov it, that he iz afrade to tutch a kast iron lion, for fear it will bite, ignoranse iz what's the matter ov him.</p> <p>—oo—</p> <p>In courtship i hav allwus advised the oblique rather than the vertikal process, if yure mistress diskovers too mutch anxiety in yu, she iz sure to diskover less in herself.</p> <p>—oo—</p> <p>Thare aint nothing that a man will thrive so well on az abuse that aint merited.</p> <p>—oo—</p> <p>Whenever yu cum akrost a man who distrusts everyboddy, yu hav found one whom it is safe for everyboddy to distrust.</p>
2	W	□ fool □ pluk □	
3	T	†-a-i-n-y-†	
4	F	☞ dandylions ☞	
5	S	more ☞.....☞ Julia	
6	G	<w.a.*f.w.a.>	<p>—oo—</p> <p>Thare aint nothing that a man will thrive so well on az abuse that aint merited.</p> <p>—oo—</p> <p>Whenever yu cum akrost a man who distrusts everyboddy, yu hav found one whom it is safe for everyboddy to distrust.</p>
7	M	☞ Higgins ☞	
8	T	warm~§~§~died	
9	W	☞ wet ☞ rain ☞	
10	T	1874 ☞ ~ ☞ Julia	
11	F	(☞ much ☞ was ☞)	<p>—oo—</p> <p>Thare aint nothing that a man will thrive so well on az abuse that aint merited.</p> <p>—oo—</p> <p>Whenever yu cum akrost a man who distrusts everyboddy, yu hav found one whom it is safe for everyboddy to distrust.</p>
12	S	moist ——— *	
13	G	□ sprude   now § □	
14	M	wetty ☞ the	
15	T	☞ David § goose ☞	
16	W	stu ☞ ☞ yells	<p>—oo—</p> <p>Thare aint nothing that a man will thrive so well on az abuse that aint merited.</p> <p>—oo—</p> <p>Whenever yu cum akrost a man who distrusts everyboddy, yu hav found one whom it is safe for everyboddy to distrust.</p>
17	T	☞....Golier....☞	
18	F	Expekt *.* windy	
19	S	☞ frogs ☞ snow ☞	
20	G	m-o-r-e — s-o-w	
21	M	~wind~	<p>—oo—</p> <p>Thare aint nothing that a man will thrive so well on az abuse that aint merited.</p> <p>—oo—</p> <p>Whenever yu cum akrost a man who distrusts everyboddy, yu hav found one whom it is safe for everyboddy to distrust.</p>
22	T	†-gardin + 2 - 8	
23	W	.. James .. sass ..	
24	T	☞ ☞ ☞ much ☞ ☞ ☞	
25	F	☞ Bukannan ☞	
26	S	....*cooler iz*....	<p>—oo—</p> <p>Thare aint nothing that a man will thrive so well on az abuse that aint merited.</p> <p>—oo—</p> <p>Whenever yu cum akrost a man who distrusts everyboddy, yu hav found one whom it is safe for everyboddy to distrust.</p>
27	G	ded ¶ ¶ ¶ sitch	
28	M	Y more — iz Y	
29	T	☞ ☞ rain life ☞ ☞	
30	W		

### *THE MUSKEETER.*

Muskeeters are a game bug, but they wont bite at a hook. Thare iz millyuns ov them kaught every year, but not with a hook, this makes the market for them unstiddy, the supply allways exceeding the demand. The musketo iz born on the sly, and cums to maturity quicker than enny other ov the domestik animiles. A muskeeter at 3 hours old iz just az reddy, and anxious, to go into bizzness for himself, az ever he iz, and bites the fust time az sharp, and natral, az red pepper duz. The muskeeter haz a good ear for musik, and sings without notes. The song ov the musketo iz monotonous to sum folks, but in me it stirs up the memorys ov other days. I hav lade awake, all nite long, menny a time and listened to the sweet anthems ov the muskeeter. I am satisfied that thare want nothing made in vain, but i kant help thinking how mighty kluss the musketoze kum to it. The muskeeter haz inhabited this world since its kreashun, and will probably hang around here until bizzress closes. Whare the muskeeter goes to in the winter iz a standing konumdrum, which all the naturalists hav giv up, but we kno he dont go far, for he iz on hand early each year with hiz probe fresh ground, and polished. Muskeeters must be one ov the luxurys ov life, they certainly aint one ov the necessarys, not if we kno ourselfs.

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### *SNOW BALLS.*

Thare iz a time for all things, and the best time to hold our tungs, iz when we feel az tho we had the most to say.

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The man who gambles, or drinks whiskey, kant chooze hiz assoshates.



If you trade horses with a jockey  
 you can't get cheated but once —  
 but if you trade with a 'deakon,  
 you may get cheated twice, —  
 once in the horse, and once in  
 the deakon = Perhaps, Josh Billings



Patience is a good thing for  
a man to hav. but when he  
haz got so much of it, that  
he can fish all day long,  
without enny bate on his  
hook, — lazyness, is what's the  
matter or him.  
Eack 450. Josh Billings

31 Days.

MAY.

1879.

GEMINI,



THE TWINS.

*Doublets—a lucky throw.*

		<i>The Slate.</i>	<i>BIRDS' EGGS.</i>
1	T	Δ Soft ¶ now ○	It iz bad enuff to be a fust rate monkey, but to be a third rate one iz more disastrous than to be an idiot.
2	F	▽ and @ stik ?	
3	S	sunny §—§—§ in	
4	G	the peas sum the	
5	M	— Obadiah—	
6	T	r   a   i   n	Thare iz no sure kure for lazyness, but i hav known a seckond wife to hurry it sum.
7	W	* * * * * Farnham	
8	T	— more was —	
9	F	☞ soft a ☞	
10	S	□ millerite □	
11	G	— wetly —	It iz the suprizes ov life that add most to our plezzures; one man iz suprizd with a legacy from a ritch uncle, another, that the old speckled hen haz just cum off the nest, with 27 chickens.
12	M	Δ now w mild Δ	
13	T	...   match   ...	
14	W	cool ++ @++@ ++	
15	T	* * * * * lettiss	
16	F	Δ C a a i n Δ	Gamblers, nor infidels, havn't faith enuff in their profeshions, to teach it to their children.
17	S	more —   ○   —	
18	G	rain — — hit	
19	M	▷ wind ∧ Able ◁	
20	T	southy § now	
21	W	✕ butiful sot ✕	
22	T	: : weather : :	
23	F	● h : e : n : s : ●	
24	S	more ○ Δ ○ Gen.	
25	G	† † cooler † †	
26	M	— Grant —	
27	T	w a i n s d — S ☞	
28	W	waz Δ north Δ a	
29	F	the it † rains the	
30	S	a ○ wet ○ tanner	

### THE BEAN.

Next to rhy bread, beans hav been called by the poets, and philosophers the cumfort, and staff ov life. The bean iz all food, thare iz no more waste in them, than thare iz in a pint ov cold water, when a man iz auphull dry. Beans are all colors, and most shapes, flat, round, oblong, square, and 3 cornered, and a quart ov them put into a pot, and biled 2 hours, will meazzure a gallon, and a haff, when they cum out. This makes them a better dividend paying seed than enny thing we kno ov. Beans are az old az Esau, he sold out for bean porridge. Beans gro on the jump, and thare aint but phew things that kan beat a bean klimbing a pole. I luv beans, but dont hanker for them. But beans, and me wont quarrell. Baked beans are a grate necessity in Nu England, and not to hav a platter ov them for Sunday dinner, iz lookt upon thare az being stuck-up to the neighbors. One ov the old blue laws ov Massachusetts waz, "*thou shalt eat baked beans on Sunday.*" I kan remember now ov eating baked beans, and rhy, and injun bread every Sunday, when i waz a boy, and luving it, bekauze i waz obliged to.

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### EXAMINE.

The happiest time in enny ones life, iz the fust 20 minnits after they hav had an akeing tooth jerkt out.

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Imaginashun never filled a man's stummak yet, yu kant git pork, and beans, by dreaming about them.

30 Days.

JUNE.

1879.

CANCER,



THE KRAB.

*A Shell-Fish—pretty mutch all shell.*

●	☐	The State.	BLOSSOMS.
1	G	+ <i>Hottish</i> † <i>now</i>	
2	M	A-b-e-l ☉ ~ ~ ☿	Yu kan possibly argy a man
3	T	☿ so Δ <i>peas</i> ☿	out ov hiz religion, but you kant
4	W	—* <i>Young</i> *	out ov the color ov hiz nekye,
5	T	<i>rainy</i> ☿ departed	or the squeeze ov hiz boots.
6	F	☿ <i>wind</i> ☿ 1851 ☿	
7	S	☿ <i>Easy</i>   Abel ☿	
8	G	<i>hotter</i> ☉ ☉ died	—☉—
9	M	— <i>it</i> — <i>rains</i> —	
10	T	<i>young</i> - <i>cooler</i> * ☿	Luv between wimmin iz impossi-
11	W	☿ ☿ aged † <i>warm</i>	ble, even friendship iz only prak-
12	T	☿ 16 ☿ <i>now</i> ☿	tikabel.
13	F	<i>thunder</i> - ☐ - the	
14	S	☿ lam * Sampson ☿	—☉—
15	G	~sporteth † <i>waz</i> ~	
16	M	☿ ☿ <i>listening</i> ☿ ☿	
17	T	—a † <i>strengthy</i> —	Thare iz nothing so skarse az
18	W	<i>more</i> ▷ —◁ <i>hot</i>	originality, even an original phool
19	T	☉ man ☉ Judith ☉	would be a grate relief just now.
20	F	<i>wetty</i> ☿ Ferguson	
21	S	† <i>cooler</i> marri'd ☿	
22	G	☿ <i>big</i> ☿ <i>warmth</i>	
23	M	☿ 1846 ☿ <i>now</i> ☿	
24	T	<i>wind</i> ☉ ~ bild	
25	W	☿ ☿ <i>Easy</i> bokays   ☿	
26	T	<i>cooler</i> ☿ ☿ Columbus	
27	F	☿ <i>it</i> ☿ <i>rains</i> ☿	The man who never makes
28	S	found ☿ <i>hotter</i> ☿	enny blunders iz a very nice piece
29	G	☉ ☐ ☿ Amerika	ov masheenery,—that's all.
30	M		

### *QUESTIONS AND REPLIZE.*

Q.—What iz the best religious creed to hav?

A.—Charity. If a man will swop off all the religious creed he haz got on hand, and invest the proceeds in charity, he will allwus be proud ov the job.

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Q.—Will yu pleze define an Enthuziast?

A.—An Enthuziast iz a party who beleaves about 4 times az mutch az he kan prove, and who kan prove about 4 times az mutch az ennyboddy else beleaves.

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Q.—What three things hav dun the most to civilize the world?

A.—The Bible, the looking-glass, and the muskett.

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Q.—Whitch iz the most red dy animle?

A.—The mule—they alwuss sleep standing, so to be on hand when the kiking begins to flow.

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Q.—What iz the quikest food on reckord?

A.—The oyster on the haff shell—they kan be et sitting, standing, or on the run.



LEO,



THE LION.

*Strayed or Stolen.—Return to P. T. Barnum.*

D	S	The State.	RAINBOWS.
1	T	Grate warmth	I never tri to settle other peoples quarrells, i hav seen men tri to do this, and git badly whipt bi both partys.  —oo—
2	W	the ♀ sighs ~	
3	T	— hog ov —	
4	F	* * * * *	
5	S	panteth C & C	Hunting for happiness iz like hunting for hen's eggs away under the barn, after yu hav fonnd them, haff the time yu find they are addled.  —oo—
6	G	⊕ + ⊕ now † hotter	
7	M	dig — ⊕ ⊕ — more	
8	T	⊕ hotter ♀ for ⊕	
9	W	it ✕ ✕ ✕ rains	Thare iz lots ov people in this world who say they haint got enny faith in a heaven or hell, and yet they hav got faith enuff to invest their last dollar in a lottery ticket, or a bottle ov quak medisn.  —oo—
10	T	⊕ ice Bill ♂	
11	F	wind — — Purdy	
12	S	* * south quit * *	
13	G	mutch — † 1822	I kno ov men whoze word iz better than their bond, these are the knight errants ov honesty.
14	M	⊕ t. h. u. n. d. e. ♂ ⊕	
15	T	Bill ▷ ⊕ ◁ hottish	
16	W	— had —	
17	T	litening * * * *	
18	F	⊕ the heart	
19	S	⊕ it * rains ⊕	
20	G	⊕ ailment — ⊕	
21	M	George . . . . .	
22	T	⊕ more & rain ⊕	
23	W	. . . . * Washington	
24	T	⊕ windy ⊕ fit ⊕	
25	F	cooler — — into	
26	S	⊕ bright ⊕ ⊕	
27	G	the ⊕ revolushun	
28	M	⊕ very ⊕ ⊕ now ⊕	
29	T	— ⊕ hot keep ⊕ —	
30	W	litening * * * cool	
31	T		

### THE GORRILLA.

The gorrilla iz a free-born citizen ov Western Afrika, and in point ov intilekt, averages well with the rest ov the natives. They are about 5 foot 3 in hight, and hav got a sanguine temper, wuss than a fish womans. I never saw but one gorrilla, and he waz not filled with life, but waz filled with straw. I dont want to see another, it weakens mi respekt for mi ansestors. They are four legged, and kan walk purpendikular, or horizontal, but when they do walk uprite, they are the wust looking relashuns we hav. They liv alone, and are more terrible in a ruff and tumble fite, than enny person that livs. I hav allwuss wondered whi sum one didn't import one into this country, and match him for 2 thousand dollars to fite in a ring. I am oppozed to ring battles, but when this skirmish takes place, i want to be there, and bet my patrimony on to the gorrilla. May the best man win. The gorrilla haz a good appetite, for one that haint been kultivated, and will eat enny thing he kan ketch, from a coloured brother to an anakondy. The gorrilla iz no doubt good for sumthing, but what that iz i kant tell, nor dont want to know. Farewell yu auphull, ugly, miserable kuss.

The end ov the gorrilla.

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### WEIGH.

The devil holds poor kards, but he allwuss plays them mighty well.



A man with a very small hed iz like a pin without enny, very apt to git into things beyond hiz depth.

31 Days.

AUGUST.

1879.

VIRGO,



THE VIRGIN,

Sweet 16 (sub rosa 38).

D	Q	The State.	DRIPLETS.
1	F	* * Big Sam w	
2	S	shower w Loyd	Mules are like sum men, after
3	G	(Cheaty M born)	yu hav studdid their karakter for
4	M	mutch — II — wet	5 years cluss, the best thing yu
5	T	* 1820 • now *	kan do, iz to git an average on
6	W	wind • Δ • a hive	them.
7	T	• sou * east * 137	— — — — —
8	F	bees † h-o-n-e-s-t-y	Thare aint nothing so cheap
9	S	* more † hot *	az bad spellin, and if it iz sutch
10	G	— iz o the —	an element of suckcess az sum
11	M	thund r † Δ † best	shrewd kriticks hav diskovered,
12	T	• and † policy •	they owe it to their airs, and
13	W	litening Δ Δ Moses	assines, to adopt it at once, and
14	T	(wind □ and □)	bekum ritch and famus.
15	F	l-i-g.A-t † A-a-r-o-n	— — — — —
16	S	• hard Δ were •	No man haz ever yet bekum
17	G	shower Δ † on near	so wize az to kno how mutch he
18	M	• now - nabors •	luvs himself, and how little hiz
19	T	mix Δ 3 Δ grate	nabor.
20	W	• juleps in heat •	— — — — —
21	T	K <sub>o</sub> ••••• w <sub>o</sub> •••••	It iz quite common to meet
22	F	• Davis † cloudy •	people who hav more religion,
23	S	died • windy □ Δ II	and even morality, than they hav
24	G	• 1849 • Robert	common sense.
25	M	* big * Burns *	
26	T	• hot † was	
27	W	more † a • †   —	
28	T	••••••••••••••••	
29	F	— II - ploughman - II -	
30	S	• it • rains • •	
31	G		

### *QUESTIONS, AND ANSWERS.*

Q.—When iz the right time to marry?

A.—Enny whare between 21, and ninety-four years.

Q.—What iz a woman's chief joy in this world?

A.—Her own or sumboddy else's baby.

Q.—Which iz the most diffident, and humbel kriter among the animals?

A.—A bobtailed kat, probberbly.

Q.—How menny yards ov 5 dollar silk duz it take to make a dress.

A.—I dont kno, but it allwuss takes 2 yards and a haff more than yu buy the fust time.

Q.—What do mankind gennerally take the most pride in?

A.—In sunthing their nabors haint got, nor kant git.

Q.—What two persons in the whole congregashun, need the clusset watching?

A.—A praying pollytisian, and an offishus deakon.

Q.—How iz the best way to git rid ov kokroaches?

A.—Sell out yure house, and lot, and jine the gipseys.

Q.—What cums the nearest to makcing a woman sware?

A.—To hav her clothes line brake when it iz full ov a Monday's washing.

Q.—Which iz the two most thankless jobs in this world?

A.—To keep skool, and be an undertaker.

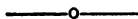
Q.—How do yu define experience?

A.—Experience iz the science ov finding out how deep a mill pond iz, by wading into it, and drowning.

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### *DOUBLETS.*

I kant help but respekt the heathen, they hav made  
az good a showing on their kapital, az the christians hav.



Next to the mother in law, cums the Grandmother,  
to regulate the cook, the kat, and the baby.

30 Days.

SEPTEMBER.

1879.

LIBRA,



THE SKALES.

For full particulars enquire of E. & T. Fairbanks & Co.

●	●	The Slate.	HOT STUFF.
1	M	☞ Cool * now 6	Yung man studdy politeness, even if yu ask a man for hiz tooth pik, after he haz got dun using it, dont fale to thank him politely for it.
2	T	and ‡ pik x ☉	
3	W	☉ kloudy ☉ geese ☉	
4	T	Dave - ‡ x ‡ rainy	
5	F	☞ Pettibone ☞	
6	S	w-i-n-d m-a-r-t-i-d	Lasting friendships can only exist between equals, superiority insists upon respekt, and inferi- ority is too often apt to excite pitty.
7	G	‡ x noth he ☉ =	
8	M	East ☉ ☉ marrid	
9	T	more ☉ for ☞	
10	W	☞ wetty ☉ luv	
11	T	☉ now ‡ cooler ☉	If yu want to find out a man's tru karakter examin him at home bi the fire side, here he iz the hero ov the ockashun, and iz angelick, or devilish, in spite ov himself.
12	F	chew ‡ ☞ ‡ more	
13	S	Δ apples * cooler Δ	
14	G	— Solaman —	
15	M	☞ ☉ ‡ slight ‡ had	
16	T	mutch ‡ frost ☉	Thare aint no sutch things as <i>invenshuns</i> , all things that we hav are <i>diskoverys</i> .
17	W	☉ ☉ wives ☉ now	
18	T	— windy ☉ the —	
19	F	warmy ☞ litening	
20	S	☞ cool ‡ bug ☞	
21	G	nights ☞ ☞ puts	
22	M	—   wind ☞ in   —	
23	T	southy : — : an	
24	W	☞ ‡ more ☞ ☞	
25	T	-a-p-p-e-a-r-a-n-c-e	
26	F	wetful - Gen. - ☉	
27	S	☉ windy ‡ Jackson	
28	G	wet * would ☞ ☞	
29	M	— ☉ R sware ☞ ☉ —	
30	T		

### *THE APPLE DUMPLIN.*

The dumplin are about the natral size ov yure phist, made out ov dough, and filled with apples. They are served up hot, with sum sweet-tasteing liniment on them, and are az eazy to struggle with az a sugar-plum. They aint so good kold az they ought to be. Kold dumplin, and raw potatoe, eat similar. I never et apple dumplin yet, without thanking the Lord for that one, and the Landlady for another one. Four apple dumplins, at one sitting, iz just about mi size. I wish i knu who invented theze kind-hearted balls, i would like to weep over hiz memory. Punkin pi, and apple dumplin, hav dun az mutch to civilize man az enny two missionarys that hav ever lived. Good vittles iz next to good morals enny how. Yu may talk about virtew az mutch az yu pleze, yu kant never inokulate a man with virtew fust rate on an empty stummuk. Giv a man four apple dumplin, with sum good kind ov ointment on them, and after he haz et them, and they hav settled down to hard pan, yu kan krawl up to him on either side, with a dose of morality, or even sum new kind of sope, for taking spots out ov clothes.

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### *A STATEMENT.*

There iz nothing about a man that will outlast a nickname, it will stik to him, az long az a bobtale will to a dog.

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Most people repent ov their sins bi thanking God they aint so wicked az their nabors.



There is one thing i notice.—  
When a man falls down  
on the ice, where the water  
is an inch, and a half  
deep, he never seems to feel  
proud or the job = Josh Bellings.



The goose, like sum other  
folks, haz more politeness  
than there iz enny need  
or. — i hav seen them lower  
their heds, in goving into a  
barn door, 18 foot high:—  
Thur. Josh Billings





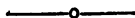
## *PUNKIN PI.*

Punkin pi iz the sass ov Nu England. They are vitles and drink, they are joy on the haff-shell, they are glory enuff for one day, and are good kold or warmed up. I would like to be a boy again, just for sixty minnits, and eat miself phull ov the blessed old mixtur. Enny man who dont luv punkin pi, wants watching cluss, for he means to do sumthin mean the fust good chance he kan git. Giv me all the punkin pi i could eat, when i waz a boy, and i didn't kare whether sunday-skool kept that day or not. And now that i hav grown up to manhood, and hav run for the legislature once, and only got beat 856 votes, and am thoroly marrid, thare aint nothing i hanker for wuss, and kan bury quicker, than two-thirds ov a good old-fashioned punkin pi, an inch and a halff thik, and well smelt up, with ginger and nutmeg. Punkin pi iz the oldest Amerikan beverage i kno ov, and ought to go down to posterity with the trade mark ov our grandmothers on it; but i am afrade it wont, for it iz tuff even now to find one that tastes in the mouth at all az they did 40 years ago.

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## *REMARKS.*

Noboddy really luvs to be cheated, but it duz seem az tho every one waz anxious to see how near they could cum to it.



The wust tyrant in the world iz the wife ov a henpekt husband.

30 Days.

NOVEMBER.

1879.

SAGITTARIUS,



THE ARCHER.

*Sarching for the Bull's Eye.*

		<i>The State.</i>	<i>FALLING LEAVES.</i>
1	S	z Chilly z the	Lasting reputashuns are ov a slo growth, the man who wakes up famus sum morning, iz very apt to go to bed sum night and sleep it all off.
2	G	windful x snake	
3	M	z now Δ seeks Δ	
4	T	punch ——— hiz	
5	W	y fires v den	
6	T	Fred o o holder	Man waz kreated a little lower than the angells, and he haz been a gitting a little lower ever since.
7	F	Δ Smith z it z	
8	S	y rains o waz	
9	G	z m snowy z a z	
10	M	now o Stage	
11	T	z pay m driver y	A man with a very small hed on him iz like a pin without enny, very apt to git into things beyond hiz depth.
12	W	taxes z o Fred	
13	T	Ω now o drove	
14	F	pay o o from	
15	S	pew Belchertown	
16	G	rent x into	I hav seen folks who i thought had too mutch propriety, it would be a relief to see them do sum-thing just a little phoolish, once in a while.
17	M	now * Boston z o	
18	T	z visit z it z	
19	W	the o o grows	
20	T	z diskonsolate z	
21	F	raw z the	
22	S	o wind Siamese z	
23	G	lifts m twins	
24	M	z more Δ hav Ω	
25	T	snow z departed	
26	W	o our ~ rainy o	
27	T	fourfathers z hard	
28	F	z hav z frost o	
29	S	gone o y alas	
30	G	gone o y alas	

## PERSONALS.

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\*.\* H. J. B.—If the lady with lavender poodle, would like tew swop dogs, Barney O'Toole iz her man.

B. O'TOOLE.

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\*.\* D.—Dont menshun it ; mum iz the word. Star ov buty, the goose hangeth hi.

LOVER.

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\*.\* SWEETNESS.—Virtew iz her own cashier ; the violet iz blu ; the racoon haz a bushy tail ; man waz made tew mourn ; meet me at the pea-nut stand.

HARROLD.

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\*.\* SPONGEKAKE.—Dost luv me ? The kold moon listened when yu breathed a vow in Bridget Costello's ear ; dont go back on me Patrik, if thou dost, be jabbers i will hav satisfackshun.

BRIDGET.

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\*.\* BILL MUSTACH.—Dont put on airs ; how about that box ov 5 cent cigars yu owe for ? Yure wash-woman mourns yure absence.

SAM PEEL.

31 Days

DECEMBER.

1879.

CAPRICORNUS,



THE GOAT.

*A strong Butter (I don't like strong butter).*

8 11	The State.	FAG ENDS.
1 M	● Bitter § now	The world all praze the philosphers, but toss their pennys into the caps ov the monkeys.
2 T	h.o-l-d .: .: set	
3 W	+ it § snows	
4 T	§ □ down □	
5 F	holder § — §	
6 S	● before ○ now	—oo—
7 G	the § — R drink	
8 M	§ kitchen § hot §	
9 T	stuff § α x § fire	
10 W	the more Δ now	
11 T	snow ○ + ○ krak	It iz allwus safe to follow the religious beleaf that our Mother taught us,—thare never waz a Mother yet, who taught her child to be an infidel.
12 F	§ high § wallnuts §	
13 S	winds § § § now	
14 G	○ big + post ○	
15 M	— § s-i-o-r-m §	
16 T	§ Books §	—oo—
17 W	sleety § § now	
18 T	▷ more § read <	
19 F	— § stormy § —	
20 S	A§§§§§§§§§§§§	
21 G	Q now iz thawz §	Employment iz the grate boon ov life, a man with nothing to do, iz not haff so interesting, az a ripening turnip.
22 M	sing § holder §	
23 T	the psalms § now	
24 W	§ snow § Eat §	
25 T	§ § § § pork	
26 F	§ feet □ and §	—oo—
27 S	§ d-e-p § §	
28 G	§ § + beans ○	
29 M	Good — Bye	
30 T	§ § Boys §	
31 W	Yours, § J. B.	Sarkasm iz a keen weapon, but in handling it, menny people take holt ov the blade, insted of the handle.



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